



**Menno
Mennonite
Church**

Worship 10:00 AM

December 24, 2023

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Prelude

Katherine Franz Swinger

Welcome

Bryce Miller

Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: God sent the angel Gabriel to a young woman in Nazareth named Mary.
He said to her, "Greetings, favored one! God is with you."
High voices: *But Mary was perplexed by Gabriel's words,*
Low voices: *and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.*
Leader: The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, for you have found favor with God."
People: **Like Mary, we're also ordinary. Will God really work through us?**
(pause)
All: ***Together we ponder***

Songs of Praise:

O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem

VT 275

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

VT 265

Scripture

Psalm 96

Children's Story

Offering

Message

A Magnificent Blessing
Luke 1:46-55

Emily Toews

Responding

To Us a Child of Hope Is Born

VT 259

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Benediction/ Candle Lighting

Sending Song

Go Tell It on the Mountain

VT 252

Announcements

All are welcome to our Christmas Eve Service tonight at 6:30 PM

Please find a draft of the Menno Directory for revision on the bulletin board adjacent to the mailboxes. Please review your and your family's information for any updates for the coming year.

Menno Mennonite Church, a Christian Anabaptist Community, equips believers through relevant Worship and Study, and expresses God's love to others through Stewardship and Service

Women In Mission could use pillowcases. The Women In Mission group enjoys maximizing the materials they have. They have a lot of scraps that they want to stuff into pillowcases for reuse as pet beds to be donated to shelters. If you have some cases that have served their time, please consider donating them to this effort.

Please begin considering Annual reports that you might be authoring. We would like to have everything collected for assembly by January 7. The date for the congregational meeting will be confirmed at the board meeting this week.

Sunday December 31, 2023: Start the New Year with fellowship and goodies. On Sunday, following the worship service, there will be an informal time to visit over coffee and your left-over Christmas goodies! So please bring those leftover Christmas goodies, crackers, meat, and cheeses to share! There will be no adult Sunday School.

Upcoming Events	
Sunday December 24, 6:30 PM	Christmas Eve Evening Worship
Sunday December 31 after church	New Years Fellowship and Goodies
Worship Contributors	
<u>This Sunday</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u>
Speaker: Emily Toews	Speaker: Bryce Miller
Worship Leader: Emily Toews	Worship Leader: Elizabeth Claassen
Accompanist: Katherine Swinger	Accompanist: Music Team
Greeter: Glenn and Mary Burkholder	Greeter: Jonathan and Becca Burkholder
AV Support (Self Scheduled): Cleon Claassen, Bill Dyck, Reed Meyer, Doug Claassen	

Camp CAMREC Announcements (See full announcements and links in Bulletin email)

End of Year Giving: To make a tax-deductible donation and learn about our designation options, see camrec.org/donate.

Dec. 26 - 28 New Staff House Volunteer Days: If you are interested, contact Andy Royce at 206-696-2886 or Brisa Peacock at director@camrec.org.

Jan. 26 - 28 WMF Family Reservations: If you are interested, contact Brisa Peacock at director@camrec.org

Youth Snow Camp Poll: If your Jr. Higher or High Schooler is interested in participating in snow camp, please complete [this poll](#) BEFORE Jan. 6.

Feb. 15 - 20 Young Adult Snow Camp

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