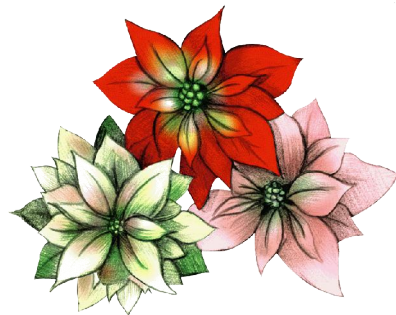


Thanks to the Funk family for sharing the gift of music with us this morning. Musicians are:

Dave and Melissa Kalinoff
Rebecca Schrag
Nicholas Schroeder
Russell Adrian
Janna Duerksen
Sara Unruh

The offering this morning is for Neuva Jerusalem, *New Jerusalem Mennonite Church*, our Sister Church in North Houston, TX. We are committed to support them financially and through prayer. Our covenant with them began in 2008 after we completed our financial commitment to *Iglesia Menonita Casa del Alfarero*, Potter House Mennonite Church. Neuva Jerusalem was birthed through Casa del Alfarero and is pastored by Aurora Parchmont while her husband Alberto continues as pastor at Casa del Alfarero. Make checks payable to Tabor Mennonite Church, earmarked New Jerusalem Church.



Rejoice

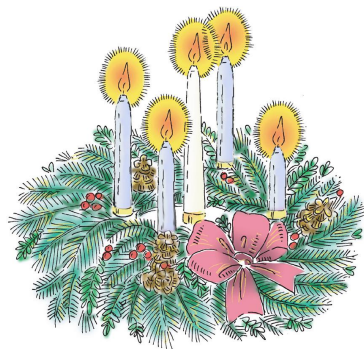
Tabor Mennonite Church

December 25, 2009 — 10:00 a.m.

Christmas Day

The Word Made Flesh

*“And the Word became flesh and lived among us,
and we have seen his glory.” -John 1:14*



Gathering to Celebrate

PRELUDE Marcene Entz

WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP Worship Leader, Carol Duerksen

Leader: Today, O God, the souls of your feet have touched the earth.

People: Today, the back street, the forgotten place have been lit up with significance.

Leader: Today, the households of earth welcome the King of heaven.

People: For you have come among us; you are one of us.

ALL: So may our songs rise to surround your throne as our knees bend to salute your cradle. Amen.

Praising God

*SINGING OUR PRAISE *“Good Christian friends, rejoice”* No. 210

*INVOCATION

*OFFERING OUR PRAISE *“O come, all ye faithful”* No. 212

PSALM OF PRAISE *Psalm 98*

OFFERING OUR GIFTS IN WORSHIP

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A CHRISTMAS STORY *Hebrews 1:1-4* Maynard Knepp

SONG *“Oh, beautiful star of Bethlehem”* No. 155CS

Gladly Hearing God’s Word

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 52:7-10*

SPECIAL MUSIC *Christmas Brass Selection* Funk Family

CHRISTMAS LITANY

Leader: Emmanuel: God, you are with us.

People: We have heard the promise of the prophets;

Leader: We have caught the note of an angel’s song;

People: We have seen a star in the heavens, and we have believed.

Leader: Today, we have come to be with you because you have come to be with us!

People: We seek an innocent, helpless baby in a crude manger;

Leader: We seek a Messiah who will reign with justice;

**People: And you, who are the weakest and the strongest,
the most humble and the most mighty, have found us.**

Leader: Now we may find ourselves.

People: Now we may love each other, now we may truly worship you,

**ALL: Crying aloud with the heavenly host: “Glory to God in the highest!
Peace on earth and goodwill among all people.” Amen!**

SPECIAL MUSIC *“A little babe was born”* Doug and Jude Krehbiel

*GOSPEL READING *John 1:1-14a*

MEDITATION *“God in the Flesh”* Corey Miller

Joyfully Responding

CHRISTMAS SONG *“Nun Ist Sie Erschienen”* No. 52 CS
v. 1 German, v. 1,2 English

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

*HYMN OF HOPE *“Hark! the herald angels sing”* No. 201

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Merry Christmas

