

Tabor Mennonite Church

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There's a Song in the Air

Sing to the Lord! Praise God in the assembly of the faithful. Let us rejoice that our King is coming! May our collective music today reflect our gratitude to God for God's amazing gift to us. Glory to God's holy name!

GATHERING AND PRAISING

PRELUDE Mark Schmidt

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Venita Schroeder

RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*GATHERING HYMN *"There's a song in the air"* No. 47 CS
Accompanist, Michelle Unruh

*GATHERING PRAYER

*LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE *"Nun ist sie erschienen"* No. 52 CS
Heart Song Sharing Les Goerzen

*PASSING THE PEACE *The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.*

OFFERING OUR GIFTS *Please pass MCC supplies to center aisle*

CHILDREN'S STORY Carol Duerksen

CHOIR PROCLAMATION

Readers: Eunice Nickel and Kristin Unruh

Scripture Reading *Luke 1: 46-59*
"Song of Mary" - Faye Lopez Soloist: Shelby Unruh, Organ: Russell Adrian

Scripture Reading *Luke 2: 8-14*
"Glorious Light" - Getty & Hannah, arr. Larry Shackley

Scripture Reading *Luke 2: 15-18*
"Wexford Carol" - setting by Douglas Wagner Soloist: Elaine Unruh
Choir & Congregation *"Holy child within the manger"* - vs. 1,3 No. 28 STS

Scripture Reading *Isaiah 9: 6-7*
Choir & Congregation *"Sleepers, wake!"* - vs. 3 No. 188

Scripture Reading *2 Peter 1: 19-21, Isaiah 60: 1,3*
"What star is this?" - arr. Craig Curry

Scripture Reading *Isaiah 12: 4-5*
The Word of God for the people of God ~ **Thanks be to God!**
Choir & Congregation *"Fling wide the door, unbar the gate!"* - vs. 1,2,4 No. 186
Tambourine: Shelby Unruh

RESPONDING

FAITH TESTIMONY Anna Unruh
"Oh, beautiful star of Bethlehem" No. 32 STS

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen

SENDING

*SENDING HYMN *"Break forth, O beauteous heav'nly light"* -vs. 1,3 No. 203

*BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE

Today

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Kenton and Eunice Nickel and family and Duane and Sharon Adrian. *A special welcome is extended to all visitors.*

At the back of the sanctuary there is a quiet room for infants and mothers, and a toddler nursery for those age three and under, staffed today by Pam Abrahams and Juanjo Aguilar.

In the pew pockets are **Welcome Cards** and **Prayer Request Cards**. If you are visiting Tabor, please fill out a **Welcome Card** and return it in the offering bag. If you have a prayer request or praise item, please fill out a **Prayer Request Card** and return to a Pastor's mailbox.

10:45 a.m.—Faith Formation for everyone.

This Week

Tuesday, December 19

9:15 a.m.—Community Prayer

10:00 a.m.—Staff meeting

Wednesday, December 20

Wednesday Evening Ministries

No regular Wed. evening classes or choirs
Christmas Eve Program Practice

Thursday, December 21

10:00 a.m.—Stories & Stuff

Friday, December 22

5:00-6:00 p.m.—Commodity Distribution at Goessel Church

Next Sunday, December 24

9:30 a.m.—Next Sunday is the fourth Sunday of the season of Advent, and we will continue our worship series focusing on the "Lukan canticle" (four songs recorded in the Gospel of Luke). The specific focus will be The Angels' Song and the scripture is Luke 2:14. Pastor Phil will be preaching.

Next Sunday Continued

Items for MCC Relief Kits will be collected throughout Advent. Shopping lists were in your church mailboxes. Please bring items to give during the Sunday morning offering or place in the basket in the foyer.

10:45 a.m.—Faith Formation for everyone.

6:30 p.m.—Christmas Eve Celebration Service:
Detectives of Divinity

Come early to hear the piano and organ prelude by many different children.

An offering will be received for MCC Relief Kits.



Prayer Requests

The following prayer requests were shared on Sunday, December 10.

- ★ Myron shared about the joy that he has experienced through the generous giving to the Facilities Fund. He also asked that we continue to be in prayer as this campaign comes to a close and as we anticipate the next steps. Thanks be to God, and Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ Leann highlighted Bob's 90th birthday and gave thanks for Bob's life of service and encouragement to others. Thanks be to God.

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Karina, serving with Mennonite Mission Network (MMN), in Ecuador. Please pray for joy during this season of Christmas when she is away from home. *If you would like to send her a card, international stamps are available for purchase on the shelf below Karina's MMN poster in the foyer.*
- ★ Caring Quilt Locations: The caring quilts are home.
- ★ All who are recovering from illness or grieving the loss of loved ones. Lord, hear our prayer.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ The season of Advent, when we sing praises in anticipation of the birth of Jesus! Thanks to our adult and children's choirs, the directors, and all musicians who proclaim the word of God through music at Christmas and throughout the year. Thanks be to God.

Dates to Remember:

Dec. 31: Sunday morning worship begins at 10am followed by fellowship time with Christmas Goodies

Jan. 3: Wednesday Evening Pizza and Board Game Night

Jan. 19-20: WDC Year of Evangelism Kick-Off at Alexanderwohl

Jan 28: Congregational Facilities Fundraising Discussion

Feb. 11: Congregational meeting



GOAL = \$1,000,000

Committed = \$853,874

\$146,126 Still Needed

This week's receipts:

New Contributions = \$1,100

Funds for pledge fulfillment = \$7,482

Tabor Trading Post Fundraiser = \$103

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE December 10, 2017

Offering	= \$ 3,142.75	Attendance	= 167
Adult F.F.	= \$ 14.00	Attendance	= 62
Jr. F.F.	= \$ 17.24	Attendance	= 43



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Prelude: 9:15am

Worship: 9:30am

Fellowship Time: 10:30am

Faith Formation: 10:45am

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