Tabor Mennonite Church

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Glory to God in the Highest!

As we come together to worship on Christmas Eve, the fourth Sunday of Advent, let us join our voices with the angels' in singing: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to all!"

GATHERING AND PRAISING

PRELUDE "All is Well" -Kirkpatrick/Smith Marcene Entz

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Katherine Goerzen

RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP

*CALL TO WORSHIP based on the Angels' Song

*GATHERING HYMNS "The first Noel, the angel did say" -vs. 1, 2, 4 No. 199

"Silent night, holy night" -vs. 1, 2, 4 No. 193

*GATHERING PRAYER

*LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE "Nun ist sie erschienen" No. 52 CS Heart Song Sharing Helen Schmidt and Pam Abrahams

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS Please pass MCC supplies to center aisle

PROCLAIMING

CHILDREN'S STORY Janua Duerksen

WORSHIP MUSIC "Joy to the World" -vs. 1,4 No. 318

Brass Ensemble

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2: 8-20 Carrie Unruh and Marcene Entz The Word of God for the people of God ~ Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Bring It On!" Pastor Phil Schmidt

RESPONDING

*HYMN OF RESPONSE "Angels we have heard on high" No. 197

FAITH TESTIMONY Katrina Toews

HYMN OF PRAYER "Away in a manger" -vs. 1, 3 No. 53 CS

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER

SENDING

*SENDING HYMN

"Hark! The herald angels sing"

No. 201

*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 Duane and Janna Duerksen and family and Jerry and Leann Toews. *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 Lindsey Buller and Luca Franken.

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.

6:30 p.m.—Christmas Eve Celebration Service. Come early for the prelude.

This Week

Monday, December 25

Merry Christmas!! Jesus is Born!!

Pastor Katherine will be on vacation December 26 - 31.



Next Sunday, December 31

10:00 a.m.—Next Sunday is the first Sunday after Christmas, and we will continue our worship series focusing on the "Lukan canticle" (four songs recorded in the Gospel of Luke). The specific focus will Simeon's Song and the scripture is Luke 2:29-32. Pastor Phil will be preaching.

Fellowship time will follow our morning worship in the fellowship hall. Please bring Christmas goodies to share. Drinks will be provided.

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE December 17, 2017

Offering = \$ 2,755.05 Attendance = 181 Adult F.F. = \$ 28.00 Attendance = 63 Jr. F.F. = \$ 12.24 Attendance = 39

Prayer Requests

The following prayer requests were shared on Sunday, December 17.

- ★ Jim introduced his family, all of whom were worshiping with us this past Sunday. Thanks be to God for the gift of family!
- ★ Carrie requested prayers on behalf of a classmate of her son who will undergo thyroid surgery. Lord, hear our prayers for healing and peace for this child, family, and friends at this time.
- ★ Brent shared about the Bible Study he participated in at the New Hope Shelter. It was interesting having a theological discussion with people from diverse backgrounds and life experiences. Thanks be to God for the many ways that God's truth and presence are revealed!

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.
- ★ 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 gift of Jesus' birth and God's upside down kingdom that he came to reveal!

Dates to Remember:

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 = \$864,023 \$135,977 Still Needed

This week's receipts: New Pledge = \$10,000 Funds for pledge fulfillment = \$3,900 Tabor Trading Post Fundraiser = \$149 "... I am bringing you
good news of great joy
for all the people:
to you is born this day . . .
a Savior,

the Lord."

who is the Messiah

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,

and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

Quke 2: 10-11, 14



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Prelude: 9:15am Worship: 9:30am Fellowship Time: 10:30am Faith Formation: 10:45am

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