Tabor Mennonite Church

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Our Light Has Come

On Epiphany Sunday we bask in the glow of Christ, the light of the world, who brings all the powers of the world to their knees. This week we name the powers of our own modern world that seek to overcome the goodness of God's creation through sin and death. To counteract this evil in our world, we give glory to God, the one who gave us the Son, who himself leads us in the ways of God's justice and righteousness.

GATHERING AND PRAISING

Prelude Deloris Schmidt

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Venita Schroeder

RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP

*CALL TO WORSHIP screens

*GATHERING HYMN "Arise, your light has come" No. 30 SS

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE "We three kings of Orient are" -vs. 1, 2, & 5 No. 163 CS

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

PROCLAIMING

WORSHIP MUSIC "A Hymn Medley" Trombone Quartet

Sharon Adrian, Janna, Dawson, and Adrianna Duerksen

CHILDREN'S STORY Pastor Rosie Jantz

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 60: 1-6 Nathan Ashley

Matthew 2: 1-12 Carrie Smith

The Word of God for the people of God ~ Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Life and Light" Pastor Phil Schmidt

RESPONDING & SENDING

*HYMN OF RESPONSE "As of gladness men of old" -vs. 1, 2, 3, &5 No. 218

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen

*SENDING HYMN "O heautiful star of Bethlehem" No. 32 SS.

*BENEDICTION screens

*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 Anthony and Kara Swartzendruber and family and Brad and Sara Hiebert and family. *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 Janna Duerksen and Katie Wright.

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

This Week

Tuesday, January 8: 10:00 a.m.—Staff meeting.

Wednesday, January 9:

Wednesday Evening Activities

5:45 p.m.— Fellowship Meal

6:30-7:30 p.m.—Presch. - Gr. 2: Choir and Class with Circle of Grace Curriculum.

-Gr. 3-8: Make MCC Sale Crafts

—All Adults, especially those who signed the Safe Sanctuary Covenant, are encouraged to meet in Sanctuary to hear Leah Schulte with Dove's Nest on topic of Consent.

(more details in announcements)

6:16-8:15 p.m.—High School Youth trip to MCC, N. Newton. (details in annc.)

7:30-8:30—Adult Choir

8:00 p.m.—Adult Bible Study

Thursday, January 10: 7:00 p.m.—Christian Education meeting

Saturday, January 12: 9:00 a.m.—Prayer and Visioning Retreat

Next Sunday, January 13

9:30 a.m.—Next Sunday we resume our "We Are Witnesses" worship series through Acts by focusing on Acts 16-18, Paul's second missionary journey. Pastor Katherine will be preaching.

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

Noon: Tabor Wellness celebration see announcements

Dates to Remember:

Jan. 19: Tabor Mennonite Women work day

Jan. 20: Mennonite Heritage Agricultural Museum annual meeting

Jan. 30-Feb. 5: Tabor serves at New Hope Shelter

Feb. 3: Ministry Storytelling, Communion

Feb. 9-10: 'Know Jesus' at Hesston College for Jr. Highers

Feb 17: Building Fundraising Concert by Hesston and Bethel College Choirs

Feb 24: Youth Sunday

Prayer Requests

The following prayer requests were shared on December 30.

★ Pastor Phil requested prayers for Alvin Schmidt and his family, especially Wilma, Emil and Vickie, Elizabeth and Greg, Linda, and Christine. Lord, hear our prayers for your loving presence and sustaining grace to be with Alvin's family as they mourn his loss and remember his life. A celebration of life service took place at Tabor on Saturday. Lord, hear our prayer.

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ the many people working diligently on our church building project. Lord, hear our prayer for safety and strength.
- ★ Caring Quilt Locations: The caring quilt is with Wilma Schmidt. The children's quilt is home.

Remember to praise God for:

- ★ God's light and hope revealed in Jesus even amidst the darkness in our world.
- the new year and all of the opportunities we have to see God and enter into the work of God's Kingdom.

OFFERING & ATTENDANCE December 30, 2018

Offering = \$2,258.41 Attendance = 125



Cost of entire project = \$1,300,000

Money already received \$1,008,584 This week's progress
Pledges remaining to be paid \$61,011 \$1,944
Challenge Grant if goal is met \$100,000
Needed to meet Challenge Grant \$130,405 \$1,445

"Life and Light"

See the Light

Be in the Light

Free the Light



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

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As God's children and the body of Christ, we are called by God to offer hospitality, healing and hope in the name of Christ.

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