Tabor Mennonite Church

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No. 51



O Come Let Us Worship and Adore Him

Today the choir will lead us as together we worship the Babe of Bethlehem, who is also our Savior and King.

> Thanks be to God for this wondrous gift to humankind!

GATHERING AND PRAISING

PRELUDE Pastor Katherine Goerzen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Reece Hiebert

RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

"O come, all ye faithful" *GATHERING HYMN No. 212

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE "There's a song in the air" No. 47 CS

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS Please pass Infant Care Kit items to center aisle

PROCLAIMING

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE "Nun ist sie erschienen" -vv 1 & 2 No. 52 CS May be sung in German or English.

CHILDREN'S STORY Sheri Schmidt

SCRIPTURE READING Carol Duerksen Philippians 2: 5-11

Revelation 5: 13-14

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

O COME LET US WORSHIP AND ADORE HIM

Adult Choir

Pianists: Michelle Unruh and Russell Adrian

REFLECTION "O Rose of Bethlehem" -Lowell Alexander

"Gesu Bamino" -Pietro A. Yon Soloist: Emil Schmidt

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 2: 1-2. 9-11 Leann Toews

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"Do You Know the Way to Bethlehem?" - Douglas Wagner

TBB Chorus Percussionists: Brian Voth and Shelby Unruh

REFLECTION

"Angels from the Realms of Glory" - arr. Dan Forrest

REFLECTION

"Cradle Hymn" -Kim André Arnesen SSA Chorus

REFLECTION

"Behold That Star" -arr. Mark Hayes Soloist: Elaine Unruh

REFLECTION

"Beautiful Savior" -arr. F. Melius Christiansen

"Christ we do all adore thee"

No.105

Congregational Hymn

RESPONDING AND SENDING

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER Pastor Rosie Jantz

*SENDING HYMN "Let all together praise our God"

No.213

*BENEDICTION AND 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 Shannon and Carrie Friesen and family and Keith and Barb Banman. A special welcome is extended to all visitors.

At the back of the sanctuary there is a guiet room for infants and mothers. and a toddler nursery for those age three and under, staffed today by Sarahanne Unruh and Jaime Fabrellas.

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

Pastor Phil and family will be returning from vacation today.

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.—Night in the Barn see announcements for details.

This Week

Tuesday, Dec. 24, 6:30 p.m.—Christmas Eve Celebration Service

Wednesday, Dec. 25—Christmas Day

Next Sunday, December 29

10:00 a.m.—Next Sunday is the Sunday after Christmas and there will be a Christmas Carol Sing in the Hospitality Hall with a fellowship time to follow. *Please bring Christmas goodies to share*

Prayer Requests

The following prayer requests were shared on December 15.

★ Phyllis Goertzen shared that Grace Brunner (a former interim pastor at Tabor) had died during the past week. Lord, hear our prayers for peace for all who grieve her loss.

Remember to Pray for:

★ All who are dealing with illness or pain or recovering from surgery. All who are grieving the loss of loved ones. Lord, hear our prayer.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ This Advent Season full of hope and expectation. Thanks be to God!
- ★ God's healing presence in our lives and in our world. Thanks be to God!

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE December 15, 2019				
Offering =	\$ 2,250.50	Attendance	=	155
Adult F.F. =	\$ 52.00	Attendance	=	36
\Jr. F.F. =	\$ 9.51	Attendance	=	39
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Christmas Greetings to the Tabor Church Family are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

—Night in the Barn: December 21 & 22, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Come and share in the wonder of the Christmas Story! Enjoy this walking tour of the Nativity as you interact with the characters, animals, sights, and sounds of the timeless tale. Papa's Pumpkin Patch (372 70th, Newton)

—Christmas Eve Celebration Service: December 24, 6:30 p.m.

"Faces at the Manger." Come early for the prelude.

—Sunday after Christmas: December 29, 10:00 a.m. Christmas Carol Sing in the Hospitality Hall. Faith Formation Hour: Fellowship Time. Please bring Christmas goodies to share.

-Epiphany: January 5, 9:30 a.m.

For details on all of the above events, please see the weekly announcement page.



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

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