

Tabor Mennonite Church

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CHRISTMAS: LESSONS AND CAROLS

This Sunday we gather to sing together and to hear again the beautiful and miraculous story of the Word becoming flesh and coming to dwell among us. "Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king! Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing!"

WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Marcene Entz

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Katherine Goerzen

LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP AND RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*GATHERING CAROL "O Come, All Ye Faithful" -vs 1 & 3 No. 241

*GATHERING PRAYER

*CHRISTMAS CAROL "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" -vs 1, 2, 4 No. 265

*PASSING THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

CHILDREN'S STORY

Peter Goerzen

*CHRISTMAS CAROL "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" -vs 1 & 2 No. 216

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2: 1-7

Pastor Todd Schlosser

LIGHTING THE ADVENT AND CHRIST CANDLES

*CHRISTMAS CAROL "Away in a Manger" -vs 1 & 2 No. 257

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:8-14

Pastor Katherine Goerzen

CHRISTMAS CAROL "While By My Sheep" -vs 1, 3, & 4

CS No. 162

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:15-20

Pastor Todd Schlosser

CHRISTMAS CAROL "Still, Still, Still" -vs 1 & 3

No. 264

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:21-38

Pastor Katherine Goerzen

CHRISTMAS CAROL "Oh, How Joyfully"

No. 254

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 2:1-12

Pastor Todd Schlosser

*CHRISTMAS CAROL "O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem" -vs 1 & 2

No. 275

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 2:13-23

Pastor Katherine Goerzen

CHRISTMAS CAROL "A Voice Was Heard in Ramah"

No. 278

*SCRIPTURE READING John 1:1-5, 9-18

Pastor Todd Schlosser

*CHRISTMAS CAROL "Love Has Come" -vs 1 & 3

No. 258

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER

Pastor Todd Schlosser

*SENDING CAROL "Joy to the World" -vs 1, 2, & 4

No. 240

*BENEDICTION

No. 1064

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, December 31

Welcome to worship at Tabor Mennonite Church! Come together to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Steve and Bonnie Janzen. A special welcome is extended to all visitors.

10:00 am: Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).

<https://youtube.com/live/8XALMm0ruyk?feature=share>

Finger Food Fellowship following worship. Please join us in the Hospitality Hall for Christmas goodies.

This Week

Bulletin announcements are due Thursday mornings.

Wed, Jan. 3, 9:00 am - TMW quilting & tying comforts.

12 noon - First Wednesday Lunch

5:45 pm - Pizza and Game Night

Next Sunday, January 7

9:30 am: Next Sunday is Epiphany Sunday. Scripture for reflection will be Matthew 2:1-12 and Isaiah 60:1-6. Pastor Todd will be preaching.

10:45 am: Faith Formation for everyone.

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for :

- ★ **Western District Conference:** We lift up our church mission before God, seeking His divine intervention and guidance. We pray for the success of our church planting efforts, that hearts may be touched, and lives transformed by God's love. Bless our church planters, provide resources, and strengthen the commitment of all involved. May Your light shine through our mission, bringing hope and healing to those we serve. In Jesus' name, we present these requests. Amen.
-WDC Church Planting Commission
- ★ **Mennonite Mission Network:** Although 2023 is ending with much suffering and violence around the world, join Mennonite Mission Network personnel in proclaiming our hope in Jesus, who has overcome evil and injustice. May each of us continue to "be the Gospel" wherever we find ourselves.

Congregational Announcements

Library: Beginning in the new year, a small display of books from our church library will be set up near the bulletin board (across from the mailboxes). We hope this will entice you to check out a book either from the display or from the library! We have a great library, and we invite you to check it out. Watch for different books on the display every month!
--Library Committee

Food Pantry: Thank you for your continued support of the Tabor Food Pantry. Current needs include pancake and corn muffin mix, jelly, canned meat, cake mixes, and canned fruit. Monetary donations are also appreciated!

Tabor Mennonite Women: There will be no quilting on January 1.

Community and Conference Announcements

On the Level: The December edition of On the Level is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. **Click on this link to read more:** <https://conta.cc/3v4fpYd>

Register now for the MCC South Texas Learning Tour, February 4-9, 2024! This immigration-focused learning tour presents a unique opportunity to engage directly with organizations making a positive impact on our neighbors. You won't want to miss this opportunity. Details and online registration can be found at mcc.org/south-texas-lt. Deadline to sign up is Jan. 20. Please contact Abraham Diaz Alonso with questions, abrahamdiazalonso@mcc.org.

Upcoming Dates

January 2 - February 4: Pastor Katherine's third month of sabbatical
January 3 - Pizza and Game Night
January 19-21 - Snow Camp at RMMC for Jr. High
February 10 - TMW Comforter Tying with Alexanderwohl Mennonite
February 16-18 - Snow Camp at RMMC for Sr. High Youth
March 4-6 - MCC Comforter Blitz, Yoder, KS

OFFERINGS AND ATTENDANCE

December 24, 2023 - AM

Offering = \$3,656.00 Attendance = 145
Worship Link Views = 32

December 24, 2023 - PM

Offering (for MCC) = \$1,058.00 Attendance = 168
Worship Link Views = 41



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