



Christ is the light that the prophets awaited,
Christ is the lion, the lamb, and the child. Christ
is the love and the mystery and laughter—
candles, make way! Christ is the day.
-From Sing the Story #15

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT/CHRISTMAS EVE
DECEMBER 24, 2017

Worship – 10:00 a.m.
Christmas Eve Service—6:00 p.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Karen Goering Hostetler, accompanist

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Sallie Page-Goertz, worship leader

*HYMN #182

Oh, how shall I receive thee
Natasha VanDyke and Emma Campbell, candlelighters

WE LISTEN AND LEARN

CHILDREN'S TIME

Sallie Page-Goertz

Sing canon below as children move the crèche figures

Canon 1 Dm Gm C F 2 Dm Gm C F

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

3 Dm Gm C F 4 Dm Gm C F

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

ANTHEM

What is this fragrance

arr. Krumnach

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

Luke 2:1-14

HYMN #211

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

SERMON

Preparing room

HYMN SS #26 and HWB #215

Helpless and hungry/What child is this

Helpless and hungry, v. 1, followed by What child is this, v. 1;

Both sung simultaneously on vs. 2 and 3

WE RESPOND AND SHARE

SHARING JOY

We welcome the introduction of guests and visitors during this time. One way we get to know one another is by signing the friendship registers. Once the register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.

SHARING CONCERNS

PRAYING TOGETHER

Slips of paper are available in the attendance register for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl table at the front of the sanctuary.

OFFERING

#191 O Little Town of Bethlehem

#197 Angels we have heard on high

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have an announcement please write it down and give it to the worship leader or pastor prior to the worship service. The worship leader or pastor will share all of the announcements at once as opposed to passing the microphone. Note that children and youth are exempt from this request.

WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE

*HYMN #210

Good Christian friends rejoice

*SENDING FORTH

*POSTLUDE

* Please stand as you are able.

Unless otherwise indicated, hymns are in the blue *Hymnal: A Worship Book*.
Songs designated “STS” are in the purple *Sing the Story* hymnal.

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