

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

December 19, 2021
"A Room With a View"
LOVE



Prelude
Welcome & Announcements

WE OPEN THE DOOR

(original song by Amanda Udis-Kessler)

Love waits for us at Advent
Love waits for us to care.
Love waits for our compassion
freely offered, freely shared.
In this time of preparation
for the work of co-creation,
for the birthing of a world
where faith shapes all we do.
Love is born in us anew!

Lighting the Fourth Advent Candle (repeat *Love waits for us at Advent*)

Children's Time

PRAYERS of the People *"Make of My Heart a Stable"* (original song by Amanda Udis-Kessler)
Make of my heart a stable, a house for the holy,
a warm and sturdy place for [hope] to live and grow.

NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

HYMN *Once in Royal David's City* (words on second page of bulletin)

First Lesson **Genesis 3:8-15; 17-19** *Trae Gehring*
God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise and that his seed will bruise the serpent's head.

HYMN *Bless'd be the God of Israel* HWB 174

Second Lesson **Genesis 22:15-18** *Jasper Nisly*
God promises to Abraham that because of his faithfulness, all nations of the earth will be blessed.

Quartet: *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Third Lesson **Isaiah 9:2, 6-7** *Trae Gehring*
The prophet proclaims the coming of the Savior.

HYMN *Comfort, comfort O my people* HWB 176

Fourth Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-9

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown

Jacob Unruh (recorded)

HYMN *Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming* HWB 211

Fifth Lesson

Luke 1:26-33; 38

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Magdalena Wenger

HYMN *My soul cries out* STS 124

Sixth Lesson

Luke 2:1-7

St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

Jasper Nisly

Silent night (Bailey Krehbiel, piano)

Carol of the Bells (Duncan Krehbiel, piano)

Seventh Lesson

Luke 2:8-16

The shepherds go to the manger.

Trae Gehring

Quartet: *Holy Child within the manger*

Eighth Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

Michaela Esau (recorded)

Cello Duets: *In the Bleak Midwinter* (Bailey Krehbiel, Reuben Wenger)

We Three Kings (Duncan Krehbiel, Reuben Wenger)

Ninth Lesson

John 1:1-14

St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

Magdalena Wenger

Quartet: *Hail to the Lord's anointed*

CLOSING CAROL *O Come, all ye faithful* HWB 212

Benediction

Postlude ... *please remain seated for the postlude, receiving it as a musical blessing for the week ahead.*

Sunday School classes meet at 10:45am today.

WELCOME!!
We are so glad you are here!

Sound System: Earl Ediger

Live Stream Tech: Jay Gehring

Ushers: Glenda & Rick Hooper

Nursery Attendant: Stephanie Gehring

Organist: Pauline Buller

Worship Leader: Tonya Ramer Wenger

Advent Candle Lighter/Reader: Kevin Nisly

Children's Time: Ama Reimer

Musicians: Calvin Buller, Pauline Buller, Bailey Krehbiel, Duncan Krehbiel, Cathia Krehbiel, Nick Krehbiel, Esther Regier, Jonathan Wenger, Magdalena Wenger, Tonya Ramer Wenger, Reuben Wenger, Micah Wenger

Scripture Readers: Trae Gehring, Jasper Nisly, Magdalena Wenger, Jacob Unruh, Michaela Esau

Advent Visuals Team: Pauline Buller, Esther Regier, Marlene Thode, Mary Wade, Fred Wade

Once in Royal David's City

1. Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
There a mother laid her baby
In a manger for His bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

2. He came down to earth from heaven,
Who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable,
And His cradle was a stall:
With the poor, and mean and lowly,
Lived on earth our Savior holy.

3. Jesus is our childhood's pattern,
Day by day like us He grew;
He was little, weak, and helpless,
Tears and smiles, like us, He knew:
And He feeleth for our sadness,
And He shareth in our gladness.

4. And our eyes at last shall see Him,
Through His own redeeming love.
For that child, so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heaven above:
And He leads His children on
To the place where He is gone.