

# Tabor Mennonite Church

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## *Rejoicing in God's Justice*

On this third Sunday of Advent we rejoice and join with the voice who calls out from the wilderness, converting us to the way of God's justice. Out of this rejoicing comes the call to make changes in the way we live so that this justice may be shared with others.

### GATHERING AND PRAISING

- PRELUDE Mark Schmidt
- WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Carol Duerksen
- RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP
- LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE K - 1st Grade Faith Formation Class
- HYMN "Nun ist sie erschienen" No. 52 CS  
Michelle Unruh, Accompanist
- \*CALL TO WORSHIP screens
- \*GATHERING HYMN "My soul is filled with joy" -vs. 1,3,4, &5 No. 13 SJ
- \*GATHERING PRAYER
- \*HYMN OF JOY "Oh, how joyfully" No. 209
- \*PASSING THE PEACE *The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.*
- OFFERING OUR GIFTS

### PROCLAIMING

- CHILDREN'S STORY Eric Litwiller
- WORSHIP MUSIC "O beautiful star of Bethlehem" Quartet
- SCRIPTURE READING *Zephaniah 3: 14-20* Ruby Graber  
*Luke 3: 7-18* Sara Hiebert
- The Word of God for the people of God ~ **Thanks be to God!**
- SERMON Pastor Katherine Goerzen

### RESPONDING

- \*HYMN OF RESPONSE "Jesus Christ is waiting" -vs. 1,3,4 No. 30 SJ
- SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER Pastor Rosie Jantz

### SENDING

- \*SENDING HYMN "Helpless and hungry" No. 26 SS  
"What child is this" No. 215
- \*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 Jim and Diana Schmidt and Rod and Ilona Abrahams. *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 Eunice Nickel and David Johnson.

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

**Tabor Trading Post** will be open.

**Pastor Phil and family are in Ohio and will return on December 20.**

## This Week

**Tuesday, December 18: 11:30 p.m.**—Tabor Ladies Lunch Bunch.

**Wednesday, December 19: Wednesday Evening Activities**  
*Please see announcements*

**Thursday, December 20: 10:00 a.m.**—Stories & Stuff. Please come to celebrate the Christmas season with food, fun and stories.

## Next Sunday, December 23

**9:30 a.m.**—Next Sunday is the fourth Sunday in Advent. Come to hear the Adult Choir present "The Candle of Christmas," with music and readings about Jesus, the true Light.

**All Preschoolers** (4 yr. olds) are invited to meet in the library at 9:25 to receive candles and then help bring in the light near the beginning of the worship service (see Pastor Phil's newsletter article for more details).

**Advent Offering:** Items for MCC Infant Care Kits may be donated throughout Advent. Shopping lists were in your mailbox. Please place your donations under the Christmas tree in the sanctuary.

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

### Dates to Remember:

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Celebration Service

Dec. 26: Blood drive

Dec. 30: Worship 10am. Fellowship time during Faith Formation hour.

