

# Tabor Mennonite Church

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## Advent 1

### Watching and Waiting

This first Sunday of Advent we wait and watch with anticipation for the one who comes proclaiming righteousness in the name of the Lord. This week is about holding our hope in the coming Messiah while we wait and learn what it means for us to receive God's righteousness today.

### GATHERING AND PRAISING

- PRELUDE Jerry Toews
- WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Janna Duerksen
- RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP
- LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE 3rd-5th Grade Faith Formation Class  
HYMN "Nun ist sie erschienen" No. 52 CS
- MUSICAL INTROIT "Peace before us" Rays of Hope
- \*CALL TO WORSHIP screens
- \*GATHERING HYMN "O come, O come Immanuel" -vs. 1, 2, 3 & 6 No. 172
- \*GATHERING PRAYER
- \*HYMN OF PRAYER "Holy Child within the manger" No. 28 STS
- \*PASSING THE PEACE *The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.*
- OFFERING OUR GIFTS *Please pass items for MCC kits to center aisles.*
- PROCLAIMING

- CHILDREN'S STORY Sheri Schmidt
- WORSHIP MUSIC "Rise up, shepherd, and follow" Adult Worship Team
- SCRIPTURE READING *Luke 21: 25-36* Kara and Isaac Swartzendruber  
*Jeremiah 33: 14-16* Anthony Swartzendruber  
The Word of God for the people of God ~ **Thanks be to God!**
- SERMON "Tell me what you wish for" Pastor Phil Schmidt

### RESPONDING

- \*HYMN OF RESPONSE "Come, thou long expected Jesus" insert
- SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen

### SENDING

- \*SENDING HYMN "Oh little town of Bethlehem" No. 191
- \*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 Mark and Carrie Smith and family and Keith and Barb Banman. *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 Sarahanne Unruh and Audessi Unruh.

Immediately following worship, everyone will have the opportunity to write or draw blessings on the studs in the new Fellowship Hall.

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

**3:30 - 5:30 p.m.**—Parsonage Open House.

**5:00 - 8:00 p.m.**—Night in the Barn.

## This Week

**Tuesday, December 4:** **10:00 a.m.**—Staff meeting.

**7:00 p.m.**—Deacon meeting.

**Wednesday, December 5:** **Wednesday Evening Activities**

**Thursday, December 6:** **12:00 p.m.**—Newton Lunch Bunch

**Saturday, December 8:** **9:00 a.m.**—Tabor Mennonite Women and Girls

Christmas Breakfast. *Please sign up on the bulletin board today.*

**5 - 8 p.m.**—Night in the Barn. *See announcements.*

## Next Sunday, December 9

**9:30 a.m.**—Next Sunday is the second Sunday in Advent and we will continue our Advent Worship series, *The Lord is our righteousness*, by focusing on the theme "Proclaiming." Scriptures for reflection include Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6. Pastor Rosie will be preaching.

**All 2nd Graders** 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. Items will be collected during the offering or may be placed in the basket in the foyer.

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

All college-age people are invited to Les and Cynthia Goerzen's home December 9, right after the church service for devotions and visiting, followed by lunch.

**Tabor Trading Post** will be open.

**5:00 - 8:00 p.m.**—Night in the Barn.

**7:00 p.m.**—Brass Christmas Choir at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

**Dates to Remember:**

Dec. 16: Tabor Trading Post

Dec. 23: Choir Program

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Celebration  
Service

Dec. 26: Blood drive

