

# Tabor Mennonite Church

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## *Proclaiming Peace*

On this second Sunday of Advent, we listen with open hearts to the one who proclaims God's goodness embodied in the Messiah. By listening, we learn what we can do to prepare ourselves to live in right relationships as embodied in Jesus' life and message.

### GATHERING AND PRAISING

PRELUDE		Russell Adrian
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Eric Litwiller
RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP		
LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE	2nd Grade Faith Formation Class	
HYMN	" <i>Nun ist sie erschienen</i> "	No. 52 CS
MUSICAL INTROIT	" <i>Rejoice in the Lord Always</i> "	Children of Light
	" <i>God is a Good God</i> "	
*CALL TO WORSHIP		screens
*GATHERING HYMN	" <i>Comfort, comfort, O my people</i> "	No. 176
*GATHERING PRAYER		
*HYMN OF PRAISE	" <i>To us a Child of hope is born</i> "	No. 189
*PASSING THE PEACE	<i>The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.</i>	
OFFERING OUR GIFTS		

### PROCLAIMING

CHILDREN'S STORY		Kara Swartzendruber
CHORAL ANTHEM	" <i>O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright</i> "	Adult Choir
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Malachi 3: 1-4</i>	Evie Schmidt
	<i>Luke 1: 68-79</i>	Rebecca Stiles
	The Word of God for the people of God ~ <b>Thanks be to God!</b>	
SERMON	" <i>Prepare the way of the Lord</i> "	Pastor Rosie Jantz

### RESPONDING

*HYMN OF RESPONSE	" <i>Bless'd be the God of Israel</i> "	174
SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER		Pastor Phil Schmidt

### SENDING

*SENDING HYMN	" <i>It came upon a midnight clear</i> "	-vs. 1,3,4, & 5 No. 195
*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 Dylan and Lindsey Buller and family and Lester and Lois Voth. *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 Carrie Unruh and Justice Johnson.

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

All college-age people are invited to Les and Cynthia Goerzen's home 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 at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church.

## This Week

**Tuesday, December 11: 10:00 a.m.**—Staff meeting.

**Wednesday, December 12: Wednesday Evening Activities**

*Please see announcements*

## Next Sunday, December 16

**9:30 a.m.**—Next Sunday is the third Sunday in Advent and we will continue our Advent Worship series, *The Lord is our righteousness*, by focusing on the theme "Rejoicing in God's Justice." Scriptures for reflection include Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18. Pastor Katherine will be preaching.

**All Kindergarten and First 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. Please place your donations under the Christmas tree in the sanctuary.

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

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### Dates to Remember:

Dec. 23: Choir Program

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Celebration Service

Dec. 26: Blood drive

## Prayer Requests

The following prayer requests were shared on December 2.

- ★ Jim Graber shared how meaningful the Sunday morning worship service was, from the wonderful music, to the many children, to the multi-generational Scripture reading, to the sermon. Let us continue to watch and wait in hope for the many ways God's presence is made known in our midst and in our worship together! Thanks be to God!

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Everyone sharing their gifts with Night in the Barn. Lord, hear our prayer for this ministry to the community.
- ★ Caring Quilt Locations: The caring quilt is with Jerry and Janice Voth following Jerry's knee surgery. This children's quilt is home.

Remember to praise God for:

- ★ the season of Advent, which reminds us in the midst of the busyness of life to watch and wait for signs of God's Messiah. Thanks be to God!

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE December 2, 2018			
Offering	= \$ 3,942.19	Attendance	= 164
Adult F.F.	= \$ 37.00	Attendance	= 47
Jr. F.F.	= \$ 12.25	Attendance	= 49



**Cost of entire project = \$1,300,000**

Money already received	\$976,227	Last week's progress	
Pledges remaining to be paid	\$65,375		\$200
Challenge Grant if goal is met	\$100,000		
Needed to meet Challenge Grant	\$158,398		\$11,637

## "Prepare the way of the Lord"

Luke 1:68-79, Malachi 3:1-4, Luke 3:6, Philippians 1:7

- How is God active here and now?  
From what or from whom are you being rescued? (Luke 1:73-74)
- When have you seen or experienced new life in yourself or in someone else? (Luke 3:6)
- How are you being a messenger who prepares the way for good news? (Mal 3:1)
- How are we partners in revealing God's grace?  
Who might we consider telling "I hold you in my heart"? (Phil 1:7)

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Prelude: 9:15am  
Fellowship Time: 10:30am  
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Worship: 9:30am  
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*As God's children and the body of Christ, we are called by God to offer hospitality, healing and hope in the name of Christ.*

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Deacons:

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Ron Schroeder	Maynard Knepp	Erica Stoltzfus