

We thank the many persons involved in this service:

Scripture reader – Sam Diller

Joseph, Mary, & Baby Jesus

Angels, Shepherds, Wise Men

Lighting of Christ candle – Shannon Thiebeau

Lighting of pew candles – Senior High Youth Fellowship

Organist – Lucia Unrau

Sound operator – Peter Terry

Lights/Tableau prompter – Gary Wetherill

String Ensemble



**First Mennonite Church Christmas Service
December 24, 2016 - 6:30 p.m.**

GATHERING

Prelude "Christmas Kaleidoscope" arr. Robert Frost
String Ensemble

Call to Worship and Prayer Mark Suderman

***Hymn** "Oh, how joyfully" HWB 209

WORDS OF PROPHECY

Scripture Isaiah 9:2-7 Amber Shelly

Musical Offering "Christmas Kaleidoscope" arr. Robert Frost
String Ensemble

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Reading the Christmas Story Sam Diller

Mary, Joseph, and the child - Luke 2:1-7

Hymn "O little Town of Bethlehem" – verses 1-3 HWB 191

Angel and shepherds – Luke 2:8-14

Hymn "Angels we have heard on high" HWB 197

The shepherds go to Bethlehem -- Luke 2:15 -20

Hymn "Away in a manger" HWB 194

Wise Men – Matthew 2:1-12

Hymn "What child is this" HWB 215

Offering our Gifts To benefit the Deacons Benevolent Fund

Offertory "Silent Night" arr. Peter Terry

***Hymn** "O come, all ye faithful" HWB 212

CANDLES AND CAROLS

Lighting of the Christ Candle Shannon Thiebeau

Lighting of Candles Senior High Youth
"Silent Night" – two verses will be sung in the dark

Hymn "Break forth, O beauteous heav'nly light" HWB 203

Pastoral Prayer Wanda Stopher

***Benediction**

***Hymn** "Joy to the world" HWB 318

**Please stand if you are able*

HWB – Hymnal: A Worship Book