

On the road to radiance
Epiphany
First Mennonite Church
January 3, 2021

Prelude *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*
setting by J. Bliersch (Based on HWB 222)
LuAnn Stuckey

Welcome Walt Paquin

Call to Worship

Adapted from Psalm 148:1-4, 13

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;

People: praise the Lord in the heights!

Leader: Praise the Lord, all God's angels; praise the Lord, all
God's host!

**People: Praise the Lord, sun and moon; praise the Lord, all
you shining stars!**

Leader: Praise the Lord, you highest heavens, and you waters
above the heavens!

**People: Praise the name of the Lord; God's glory is above
earth and heaven.**

All: Praise the Lord!

Advent Candle Lighting Ruth Naylor

STS 10 *Come! Walk in the light*
Neufeld Weaver family Refrain/vs 6/Refrain

Conversation with Friends Anne Marie Spelman

Dr. Gradus ad Parnassum Claude Debussy
Ana Neufeld Weaver, piano

Community Prayer

Jeff Boehr

Isaiah 60:1-6

Gloria Hernandez Bucher

Matthew 2:1-12

Rich Bucher

Message

Great conjunctions

Wanda Stopher

STS 30

Arise, your light is come!

Dedication Prayer

Offertory

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright
setting by K. Hildebrand (Based on HWB 222)

STS 32

Oh, beautiful star of Bethlehem

Benediction

Postlude

How Brightly Beams the Morning Star!
P. Nicolai (HWB 222)

HWB – Hymnal: A Worship Book; STJ – Sing the Journey;

STS – Sing the Story; VT -- Voices Together

*Parts of our service were pre-recorded. Participants are following safe-
distancing practices.*

*In response to God's unconditional love for all people, we joyfully and
unconditionally welcome you to join us on our journey of faith in Jesus
Christ. We are committed to breaking down dividing walls and building
community where all are loved and accepted. We believe in active
inclusion and invite each one to participate in the life and ministry of our
congregation.*

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Our stewardship

Total spending plan giving December 2020 to date \$65,122

Avg monthly offering needed to meet 2020 spending plan \$37,136

First Mennonite Church is affiliated with the Central District Conference of Mennonite Church USA. The Mennonites are named after Menno Simons, one of our early church leaders, and are rooted historically in the "Anabaptist" movement, which began in 1525, with origins in Switzerland, Germany, and the Netherlands now reaching around the world. Some primary Anabaptist convictions then and now are following Jesus Christ in service to others, rejection of violence and war, and joyful community life.

