

Thanks *to* our worship *and* welcome teams...

**Psalm reading/advent candle** –

Amber Anderson & Steve Rayburn

**Worship leader** – Peter Dyck

**Music** – Worship Band

**Children's story** – Cindy Breeze

**Scripture reader** – Janet Fros

**Offertory** – Advent choir, directed by Cindy Breeze

**Sermon, sharing & prayer** – Pastor Deb

**Visuals** – Lynne Sancken

**Greeters** – Sam Cox, Lesley Deem, George Ordal

**Sound system** – Phil Martens

**Refreshments** – Trish Combs & Kate Falk

**Worship nursery** – Tammie Bouseman & Tina Huang

**Stewards** – Tammie Bouseman & Scott Bidner

Next Sunday *at* First Mennonite (Advent 4: December 18)

**Psalm readers/advent candles** – Sue Biddle &

Mary Biddle

**Worship leader** – Bob King

**Song leader** – Pastor Deb

**Piano** – Ruth Stoltzfus & Orchestra

**Children's story** – Jill Schreiber

**Scripture reader** – Sue Biddle

**Sermon, sharing & prayer** – Pastor Michael

**Visuals** – Lynne Sancken

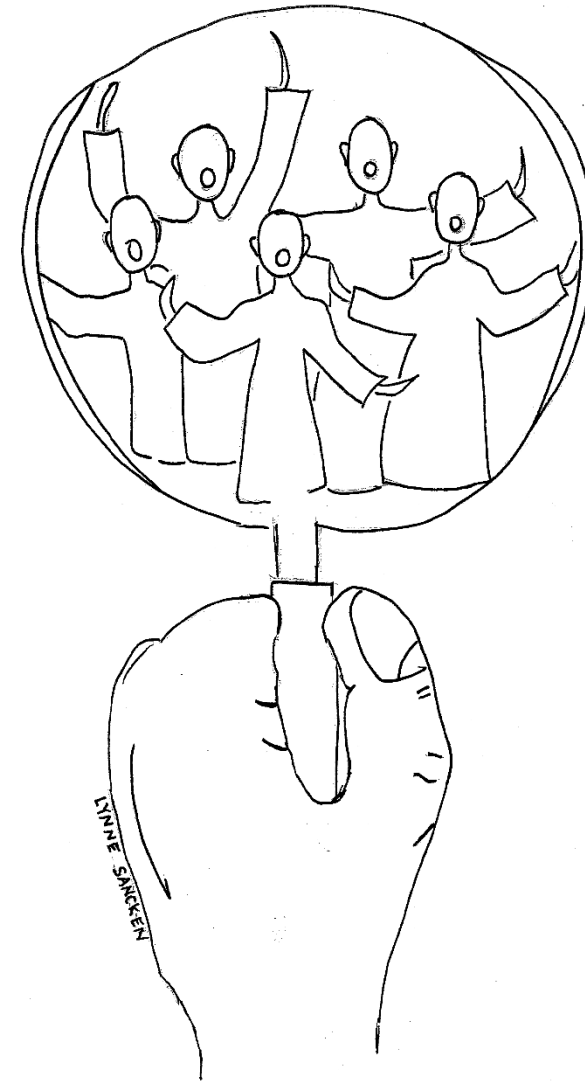
**Greeters** – Sam Cox, Lesley Deem, George Ordal

**Sound system** – Phil Martens

**Refreshments** – Denny & Nancy Seaman

**Worship nursery** – Marcia Nelson & Reba King

**Stewards** – Scott Bidner & Tammie Bouseman



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**Ministers:** Every member of the congregation

# Celebration *of* Worship



Advent 3

December 11, 2016

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## Pre-service Advent singing

### Centering chimes

**Lighting of solidarity lamp** - *The lamp symbolizes our Sister Church relationship with El Divino Redentor.*

**Psalm reading** (*based on Psalm 146:5-10; Luke 1:46-55*)

### Lighting of Advent candles

Prelude

*O Holy Night*

Sung call to worship

"My soul cries out" (purple songbook #124)

### Welcome & prayer

\*Green songbook #13

"My soul is filled with joy"

Choir

*For unto us a child is born* G.F. Handel

### Prayer of Confession

One: Lord, our way has made a desert out of fertile soil.

**Many: The land has become a dry wilderness.**

One: The hungry go without food.

**Many: We minimize Your mercy in our lives.**

One: We are like reeds shaken by the wind.

**Many: Your joy recedes from us. We forget Your songs.**

(Silent confession)

### Words of Assurance

One: Lord, you make the desert of our souls rejoice and blossom.

**Many: Your feed and strengthen us.**

One: Our souls magnify You, Lord.

**Many: You bless us with continual mercy and joy.**

One: "For the Lord God is our strength and song. And God has become our salvation. (Isaiah 12:2)

\*Hymnal #346

"Dona Nobis Pacem" (3 part round)

## Dedication of Silas Bradford Crosby

### Congregational response

*Abby and Michael, You have offered Silas to the strong and tender providence of God. We rejoice with you and give thanks for the gift of your child. We promise, with humility and seriousness, to share in his nurture and well-being.*

*We will support, by our example and words, your efforts to provide a loving and caring home, where trust in God grows and Christ's way is chosen.*

*Our prayers will be with you and for you.*

*May our shared life and witness help make your task both joyful and fruitful.*

Purple songbook #16

"Peace before us" (vss. 1,2,4)

### Children's story and offering (*please pass the welcome pads*)

#### Scripture

**Isaiah 35:1-10** (*page 649*)

**Luke 1:46-55** (*page 934*)

Sermon

*Magnificat*

\*Hymnal #215

"What child is this" (*choir - Helpless & Hungry*)

Offering (*prayer cards collected*)

Offertory

*Wexford Carol*

Traditional, arr. M. Shaw

Prayer of thanksgiving

### Sharing and prayers of the people

#### Introductions of guests

**Work of the church** (*please come to the front if you have an announcement*)

\*Hymnal #202

"The virgin Mary had a baby boy"

\*Benediction

The Christ-child is coming.

Draw close to His healing and joy.

Come, let us magnify the Way.

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*\*Stand if you are able*

*Thanks to Lynne Sancken for writing the prayers of confession, words of assurance, and the benedictions used in our Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany services.*