

Score

Joseph Dearest

14th C German carol

Jo - seph dear - est, Jo - seph mine, Help me lull the
ba - by mine, It is Christ, the child di - vine From
heav'n a - bove, Lu - llay the son of Ma - ry.

The musical score is written for piano in 6/8 time, featuring a treble and bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the notes.



Next Sunday at First Mennonite (Christmas Sunday)

Psalm readers/advent candles – Lynne Sancken, Kathy Springer, Andrea Welty Peachey, Pastor Deb
Worship leader – Pastor Michael
Song leader – Rafael Luquis
Piano – Kathy Springer
Children's story – Jill Schreiber
Scripture reader – Lynne Sancken
Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael

Visuals – Lynne Sancken
Greeters – Sam Cox, Lesley Deem, George Ordal
Sound system – Phil Martens
Worship nursery – Abby Crosby & Beth Rempe
Stewards – Scott Bidner & Tammie Bouseman

God's restoration is at hand. Come, embody the Way!

December 18, 2016

First Mennonite Church of Champaign Urbana

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Celebration of Worship



Advent 4
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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 80:1-7, 17-19*)

Lighting of Advent candles

Prelude

Sung call to worship

"Hark! The glad sound" (hymnal #184)

Welcome & prayer

*Hymnal #318

"Joy to the world"

*Hymnal #196

"While shepherds watched their flocks"

Prayer of Confession

One: Lord, we ask forgiveness

Many: for doubting Your presence,

One: for putting You to the test,

Many: for hesitating to accept Your gift of grace embodied in Jesus.

(Silent confession)

Words of Assurance

One: You restore us, O God.

Many: You shine Your face on us.

One: We rejoice in Your love manifest through the coming birth of a baby.

Many: Emmanuel. God with us.

One: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

*Hymnal #346

"Dona Nobis Pacem" (3 part round)

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

Scripture

Isaiah 7:10-16 (*page 623*)

Matthew 1:18-25 (*page 879*)

Sermon

Fostering God-with-us

***Song** (*back of bulletin*)

"Joseph dearest"

Offering (*prayer cards collected*)

Offertory

The Innkeeper's carol *by D. Eddleman*

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 #199**

"The first Noel"

***Benediction**

The Christ-child is coming.

Draw close to His love,

Come, embody the Way.

**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.

Thanks to our worship and welcome teams...

Psalm reading/advent candle –

Mary Biddle & Sue Biddle

Worship leader – Bob King

Song Leader – Pastor Deb

Musicians – Ruth Stoltzfus (piano) & orchestra

Children's story – Jill Schreiber

Scripture reader – Sue Biddle

Offertory – Cindy Breeze & Kathy Springer (vocals), Ruth Stoltzfus (piano)

Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael

Visuals – Lynne Sancken

Greeters – Lesley Deem, George Ordal, Jan Sabey

Sound system – Phil Martens

Refreshments – Denny & Nancy Seaman

Worship nursery – Marcia Nelson & Reba King

Stewards – Tammie Bouseman & Scott Bidner