

Introductions of guests

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

***Hymnal #318**

“Joy to the world”

***Benediction**

The Christ-child is here!

Draw close to His presence.

Come, let us welcome the Way.

**Stand if you are able*

Note: The “pregnant” advent sculpture, shown upfront and provided by Jeri Lake, represents waiting and incarnation. From the tiny glow of Advent 1 the light fills more and more of the pregnant form each week. When the last candle is lit on Christmas day the Light of Christ appears in her heart.

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

Readers – Pastor Deb, Oleta Miller, Steve Rayburn, Lynne Sancken, Kathy Springer, Andrea Welty Peachey

Worship leader – Pastor Michael

Song Leader – Rafael Luquis

Piano – Kathy Springer

Children’s story – Martha Moore

Scripture reader – Lynne Sancken

Soloist – Sarah Sutter

Offertory – Rafael Luquis

Sharing & prayer – Pastor Deb

Words of confession, assurance, and benediction – Lynne Sancken

Visuals – Lynne Sancken

Greeters – Sam Cox, Lesley Deem, George Ordal

Sound system – Phil Martens

Worship nursery – Abby Crosby & Beth Rempe

Stewards – Tammie Bouseman & Scott Bidner

Next Sunday *at* First Mennonite (Epiphany)

Psalm readers/advent candles – Keith Springer

Worship leader – Sheryl Dyck

Song leader – Pastor Deb

Piano – Phyllis Croisant

Children’s story – Tammie Bouseman

Scripture reader – Keith Springer

Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael

Words of confession, assurance, and benediction –

Lynne Sancken

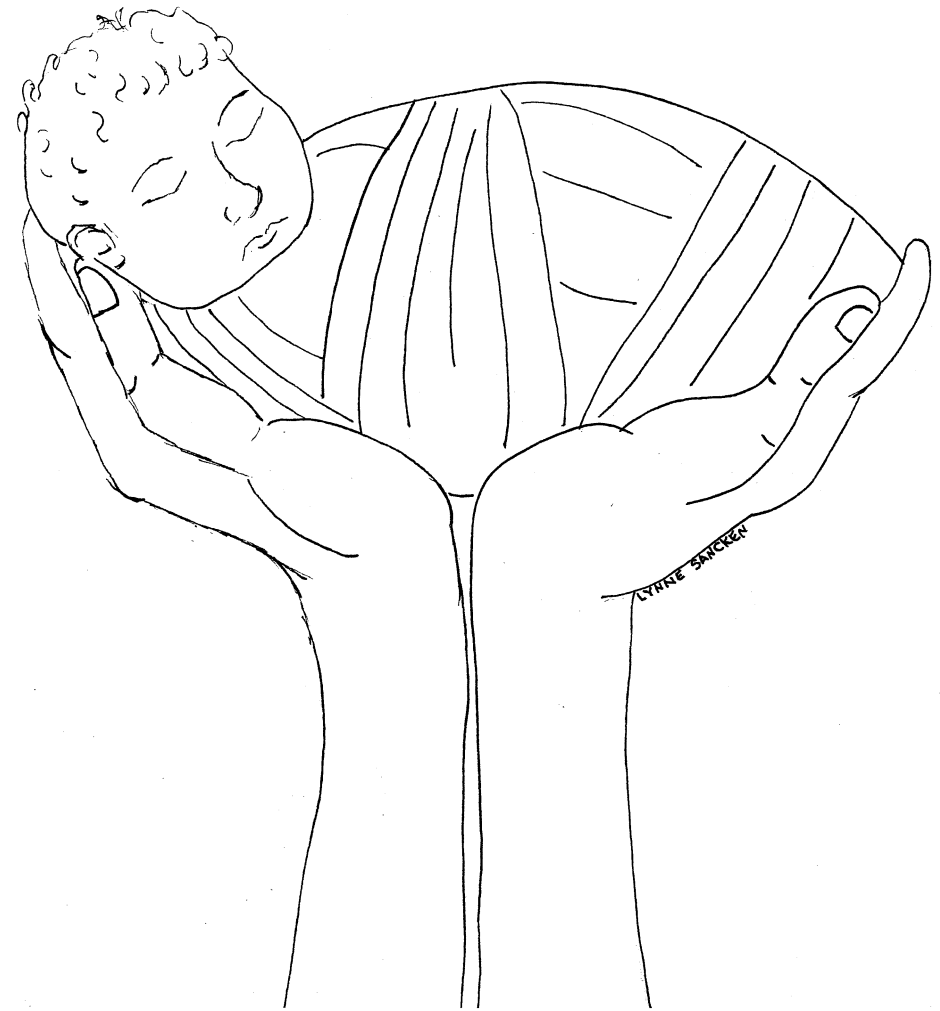
Visuals – Lynne Sancken

Greeters – Sam Cox, Chris Lubienski, Cynthia Nafziger

Sound system – Emerson Nafziger

Worship nursery – Bob King & Tom Sutter

Stewards – Emerson Nafziger & Dannie Otto



Jesus is born! Come, welcome the Way!

December 25, 2016

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Celebration of Worship

Christmas Sunday
December 25, 2016

Jesus is born! Come, welcome the Way!

Centering chimes

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

Psalm reading (based on Psalm 148)

Lighting of Advent candles

Prelude

***Sung call to worship**

“O come, all ye faithful” (hymnal #212)

Welcome & prayer

***Hymnal #210**

“Good Christian friends, rejoice”

Prayer of Confession

One: O Lord, we confess

Many: that we continue to walk in darkness,

One: that we continue to abide with fear,

Many: that we continue to respond with worry.

(Silent confession)

Words of Assurance

One: Our God, we, who walked in darkness

Many: have seen Your great light.

One: For Your love is named

Many: Wonderful, Mighty, Everlasting.

One: You bring us good news of great joy.

Many: This day, our Savior, Messiah, the Lord, is come!

One: “If anyone is in Christ, they are a new creature. The old things pass away, behold new things have come.” (2 Corinthians 5:17)

***Hymnal #346**

“Dona Nobis Pacem” (3 part round)

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

LIGHTING THE WAY

Isaiah 9:2-7 (page 624)

The Oxen by Thomas Hardy

WELCOMING THE WAY

Isaiah 9:2 and Luke 2:1-7 (page 935)

Special music

Schlafe, mein Liebster

by J.S. Bach

Sleep, my dearest, enjoy your rest.

Wake after this so that all may thrive!

Refresh the heart

Feel the joy

With which we make glad our hearts!

SINGING THE WAY

Isaiah 9:2 and Luke 2:8-14

This year by Ann Weems

***Hymnal #191**

“O little town of Bethlehem”

PONDERING THE WAY

Isaiah 9:2 and Luke 2:15-20

O Simplicitas by Madeleine L’Engle

Excerpt from *A Prayer for Owen Meany* by John Irving

***Hymnal #206**

“Infant holy, infant lowly”

Offering (prayer cards collected)

Offertory

Prayer of thanksgiving

Sharing and prayers of the people

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