



Zion Mennonite Church

A congregation of Mennonite Church USA

Growing together as a Christ-centered community, worshipping God, extending our Anabaptist branch into our world, bearing the lasting fruit of discipleship, and planting the seeds for God's reign through hospitality, service and reconciliation with God and others

ORDER OF SERVICE

-December 25, 2022-

Prelude

GATHERING

Welcome

Call to Worship

Advent Reading and Candle Lighting

What Child Is This (VT 267)

Beautiful Star of Bethlehem (VT 275)

The First Noel (VT 250)

Prayer for the Offering

Passing the Peace

WORD

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (VT 247)

Silent Night (VT 244)

Children's Story

Scripture Presentation: John 1:1-14

Sermon

RESPONSE

Response Song: *Joy to the World (VT 240)*

Prayers of the People

SENDING

Sending Song: *Jesus, the Light of the World*

Prelude: Karen Tro, Kristin Oakes
Worship Leader: Jana Gingerich
Song Leader: Jana Gingerich
Children's Story: Steve Bomar



A Savior is Born

This Morning:
 10:15am Worship Service in Person and via Zoom
This Afternoon/Evening:
 No Activities
This Week:
 Tuesday 9:30-11:30am Open Family Gym Time
 10:00am Bible Study via Zoom
 6:30pm Prayer Group meets

Nursery Schedule:

Today: Nursery Not Staffed
 Next week: Gina Hansen, Nancy Histan

Budget Report: Offering 12/18/22—\$9,119.35

The Church Office will be open 9:00-noon Tuesday, December 27.

Staff will have minimal other office hours during the week of Christmas to New Year. Please call ahead.

New Year's Worship Service
 Sunday, January 1, 10:15am
No Breakfast, No Sunday School

Looking for something to do over Christmas break? Come to Zion for open gym, puzzles, games or coloring, and fellowship time. All ages welcome! December 27th from 9:30-11:30am. Contact the Church Office with questions.

The family of J. Robert Fisher invite you to help them celebrate his 100th birthday on Thursday, December 29 from 1-3pm in the Fellowship Hall at Zion.

Budget Report: Thank you for your financial giving during this year. We need \$40,805.88 to meet our anticipated expenses. This amount is less than needed for the full approved budget because some budgeted items were not fully spent this year.

I would like to thank my Zion family for the lovely Amaryllis plant I received. It is about to bloom any day now. Also the pleasant visit with Julie Yoder who delivered it to me. I'd also like to thank you for all the prayers for my family and myself over the past year. We are improving and very grateful for that. May you all be blessed during this special time of year. Merry Christmas.

—Donna Ollis

Christmas Poem (inspired by John 1:1-18)

before all time and being
 before the light and darkness
 was the God of creation
 — the Alpha
 before all worlds
 — and Omega
 once again in the timelessness of God
 who for a brief moment
 — in this place
 — this time
 Lived among us
 the Word and the work of God
 uniting
 again and always
 the Creator and the Creation
 the Word and the Work
 in one
 the Christ
 Emmanuel

~ written by Dan, and posted on Pastor Dan's Grace Notes
<http://coslcgrace.blogspot.ca/>

