

# *Christmas Eve*

Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

December 24, 2022 ~ 7:00 pm

## CHRISTMAS *at the* STABLE

The Animals Tell Their Stories



By Kimberly K. Funk

Illustrated by Kimberly Rempel

# Christmas Eve Service

**Prelude**      *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* ~Burkhardt      Marcia Brubaker  
*Still, Still, Still* ~Cherwien; *Angels We Have Heard* ~Burkhardt  
*Oh, Come, Little Children* ~Burkhardt; *O Holy Night* ~Uehlein  
*Hark, the Herald Angels Sing* ~Hobby

**Welcome**      Pastor Caleb Yoder

**Song**      *Away in a Manger* (VT 257)      2-Year-Olds & Congregation

**Song**      *Little Baby Jesus*      3-Year-Olds, 4-Year-Olds,

**Poem**      *We're Going to Baby Jesus*      and Kindergarten

**\*Congregational Carol Singing**      *Joy to the World*      VT 240

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*      VT 245

**Sharing Time with Children**      Lynel Unrau

**\*Congregational Carol Singing**      *The First Noel*      VT 250

*Nun Ist Sie Erschienen*      SWJ 30

*Nun ist sie Erschienen* is a traditional favorite Christmas hymn in this congregation. It harkens back from when there were one-room school houses in the area and each school had an annual Christmas Eve program. This German hymn was often sung at the program by everyone in attendance. We continue this tradition. You are welcome to sing the hymn in English or German.

**Scripture Reading**      *Luke 2:1-20*      1st-4th Grades

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Adapted by Travis Duerksen; Directed by Kevin and Bonnie Gaeddert

**Song**      *The Friendly Beasts*      1st-8th Grades

**The Donkey's Story:** John Fast  
**The Cow's Story:** Nathaniel Schmucker  
**The Dove's Story:** Darla Banman  
**The Rooster's Story:** Megan Duerksen  
**The Sheep's Story:** Jim Schmidt  
**The Camel's Story:** Delbert Peters  
**Nativity Characters:** Junior High Youth

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## **Candle Lighting Service**

John 1:1-5, 9, 14

Pastor Caleb

Congregational Song

*Silent Night, Holy Night*

VT 244

**Benediction**

Pastor Lois Harder

**Postlude**

*Joy to the World ~Uehlein*

Marcia Brubaker

\*All who are able are invited to stand

**VT** - *Voices Together Hymnal* (purple)

**SWJ** - *Sing With Joy* (red)

*Please leave the candles and candle holders in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary or in the lobbies as you leave.*

*All children through the 8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to the Fellowship Hall for a Christmas sack after the service.*

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**2-Year-Olds:** Savannah Hein, Elliot Hiebert, Wyatt Hiebert, Nolan Miller, Myles Unruh

**3-Year-Olds:** Logan Unrau, Josiah Yoder

**4-Year-Olds:** Kennedy Esau, Emmett Miller, Lillian Unruh, Greyson Voth

**Kindergarten:** Ariana Flores, Ellie Unrau, Lillian Voth, Austin Yoder

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade:** Braxton Church, Allyssa Hein, Jack Maley

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:** Celia Peters

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** Amilea Hartvickson, Rebecca Hein, Paige Webber

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Aubree Flores, Gage Maley, Noah O'Neill

**Junior High Youth (5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grades)**

**Mary:** Jayley Schmidt

**Joseph:** Eli Gaeddert

**Townsperson:** Grace Meier

**Innkeeper:** Lilly Mai

**Shepherd:** Jaxson Hein

**Star:** Myra Peters

**Angel:** Bella O'Neill

**Wisemen:** Delaney Duerksen, Rosie Gaeddert, Grace Meier

**Animal Figures:** Emily Tyler

**Assisting Children's Sunday School & Midweek Teachers:**

Janice (Funk) Voth, Susan Nafziger, Alma Unrau, Sandy Duerksen, Maryanne Esau, Alyssa Burkholder, Justine Unruh, Kyle Unruh, Chrystiana Miller, Aileen Esau, Emmalyn Schroeder, Kevin Gaeddert, Bonnie Gaeddert

**Organist:** Marcia Brubaker  
**Guitarists:** Kevin Gaeddert, Kyle Unruh  
**Song Leader:** Kyle Unruh  
**Sound:** Steve Unruh & DeAlan Unrau  
**Technology:** Caiden Duerksen, Delton Voth  
**Lighting:** Travis Duerksen  
**Greeters:** Jim & Mary Schmidt, Jeremy & Maggie Schroeder

**Christmas Eve Program Committee:** Travis Duerksen, Aileen Esau, Bonnie Gaeddert, Kevin Gaeddert, Nicole Hein, Susan Nafziger

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*Silent night, holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright  
round yon virgin mother  
and child!*

*Holy infant, so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace,  
sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight:  
glories stream  
from heaven afar,  
heav'nly hosts sing, "Alleluia!  
Christ the Savior is born,  
Christ the Savior is born!"*

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***We invite you to join us for the Christmas Day Service  
10:15 am Organ Prelude  
10:30 am Worship***

***We wish everyone a blessed and  
joyful Christmas Day!***

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service – 10:30 a.m.  
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