

Christmas Eve

Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

December 24, 2024 ~ 7:00 pm



JOY

Organ Prelude *Let Our Gladness Have No End* ~Leavitt Jason Peters
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly ~Engel
Mary Had a Baby ~Eggert
Now Sing We, Now Rejoice ~Eggert
Go Tell It on the Mountain ~Eggert
Angels We Have Heard on High ~Behnke
Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful ~Behnke

Welcome Pastor Lois Harder

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

Poem *Jesus, Jesus Who Do You See?* 3, 4, & 5 Year Olds

Song *Go Tell It on the Mountain* SonShine Singers

Poem *A Special Gift* 1st Grade

***Congregational Carol Singing** *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* VT 261
Hark! the Herald Angels Sing VT 247

Sharing Time with Children Ben Schrag

***Congregational Carol Singing** *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.

The Good News Evening Broadcast

Live from the studio of Channel AMC in Jerusalem

On the Road to Bethlehem Kids Praise
O Little Town of Bethlehem Alyssa Burkholder & Julianna Kaufman
Angels We Have Heard on High Kids Praise
Go Tell It on the Mountain Kids Praise
He Came Down Kids Praise
Some Children See Him Julianna Kaufman
Joy to the World (with congregation) VT 240

Candle Lighting Service

John 1:1-5, 10-14 Julianna Kaufman, Noah Schrag
Congregational Song *Silent Night, Holy Night* VT 244

***Benediction** Pastor Lois

Postlude *Joy to the World* ~Wolaver Jason Peters

*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 12th grade are invited to the Fellowship Hall for a Christmas sack after the service.

2-Year Olds: Reagan Hiebert, Cody Unrau

3-Year Olds: Cameron Esau, Nolan Miller

4-Year Olds: Elliot Hiebert, Myles Unruh

5-Year Olds: Logan Unrau

1st Grade: Silas Combs, Kennedy Esau, Emmett Miller, Lillian Unruh, Greyson Voth

2nd Grade: Ellie Unrau, Lillian Voth

4th Grade: Celia Peters

5th Grade: Paige Webber

Characters (in order of appearance)

Narrator: Julianna Kaufman

News Anchors: Aida Hartvickson, Levi Schrag

Remote Reporter: Travis Duerksen

Owner of Sleepy Donkey Lodge: Grace Meier

Meteorologist: Jerod Kaufman

Shepherds: Peter Voth, Laird Goertzen, Nathaniel Schmucker

Magi: Tim Goertzen, DJ Flaming, John Fast

Joseph: Eli Gaeddert

Mary: Myra Peters

Choir Members: Silas Combs, Delaney Duerksen, Kennedy Esau, Rosie Gaeddert, Grace Meier, Emmett Miller, Bella O'Neill, Celia Peters, Myra Peters, Emmalyn Schroeder, Ellie Unrau, Lillian Unruh, Greyson Voth, Lillian Voth, Paige Webber

Christmas Eve Program Committee: Megan Duerksen, Bonnie Gaeddert, Ann Hiebert, Janine Peters, Gretchen Schrag, Karen Unruh, Janice (Funk) Voth

Children's Sunday School Teachers: Kara Burkholder, Denise Duerksen, Sandy Duerksen, Maryanne Esau, Tammy Flaming, Chrystiana Miller, Brooke Nafziger, Susan Nafziger, Pat Schmidt, Alma Unrau, Radene Unruh, Janice (Funk) Voth, Laura Voth

SonShine Singers Leaders: Bryant & Chrystiana Miller; Kyle and Justine Unruh

Kids Praise Leaders: Kevin Gaeddert, Jason Peters, Eric Schrag

Organ/Piano: Jason Peters

Song Leader: Renae Peters

Tech Crew: Steve Goertzen, Colby Nafziger, DeAlan Unrau, Steve Unruh,
Delton Voth

Greeters: North – Loretta and ElRoy Wiens; South – Mary and Jim Schmidt

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We wish everyone a blessed and joyful Christmas Day!

