

Luke 1:26-38; 46-55

²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰ But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

³⁴ "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

³⁵ The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called ^[L] the Son of God. ³⁶ Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. ³⁷ For no word from God will ever fail."

³⁸ "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

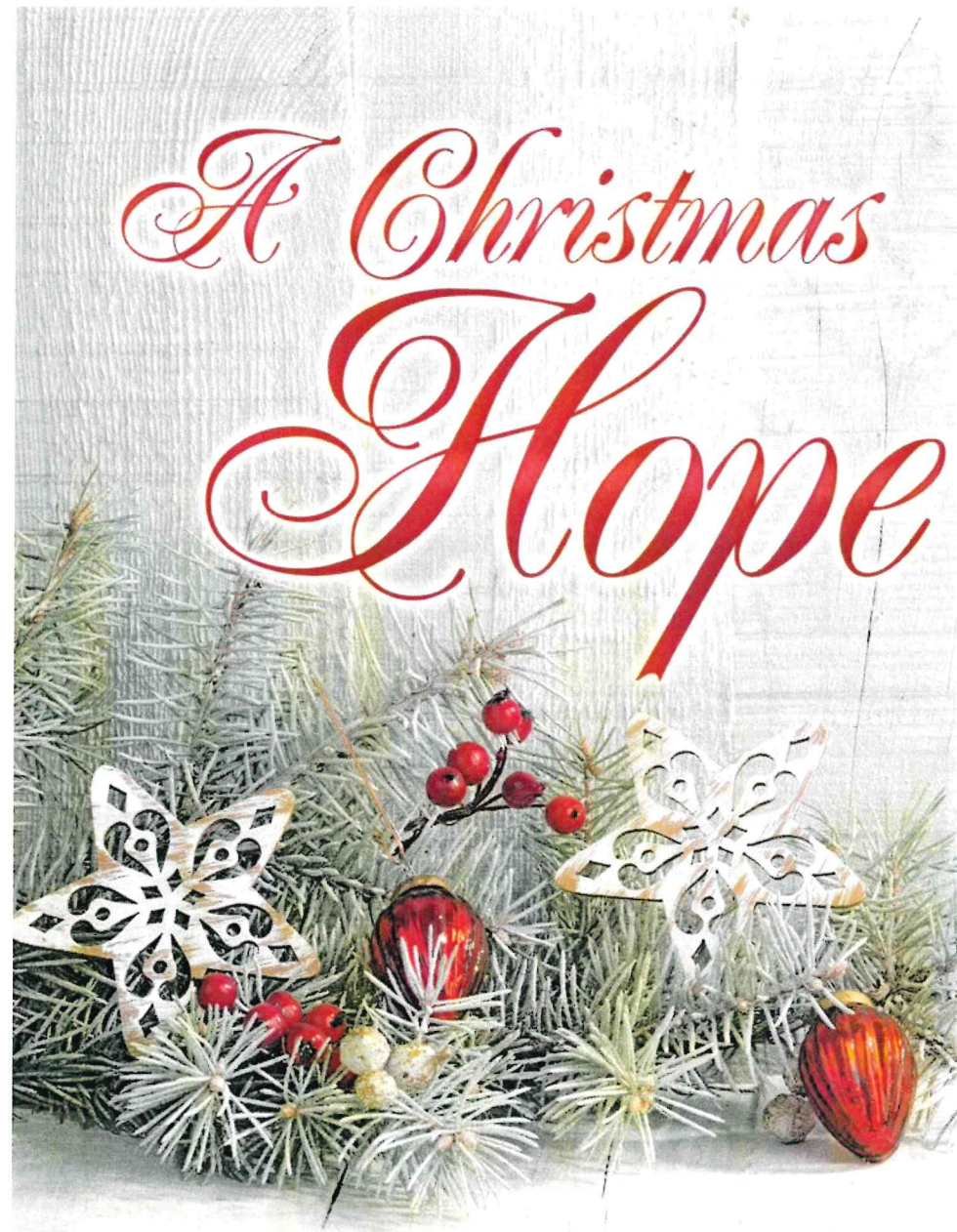
⁴⁶ And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord ⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸ for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, ⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holiness is his name.

⁵⁰ His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation.

⁵¹ He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. ⁵² He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. ⁵³ He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful ⁵⁵ to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors."

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*Behold, a virgin shall be with child,
and shall bring forth a son,
and they shall call his name Emmanuel...God with us*

MATTHEW 1:23

Christmas Eve 2020

December 24, 2020 6:30 pm

Prelude—Monique Kratz—piano

Welcome and Prayer—Pastor Kyle Rodgers

Lighting of Advent Candles and Christ Candle

Rich and Lucy Landis

Carols of Adoration & Joy—Pastor Mark Wenger and Monique Kratz

“O Come All Ye Faithful” BB 212

“Joy to the World” BB 318

The Colors of Christmas

Green, White, Red, Black, Yellow, Blue,
Brown, Gray, Gold, Purple, Love

Reader—Kathy Wenger

Shepherds—Joel and Mark Nyce

Sheep—Claire and Ethan Nyce

Angels—Priscila, Sara & Cristina Freed

Cows—Noah Nyce & Jayden Halteman

Holy Family—Noah, Breann & Grace Detwiler

Donkeys—Clara Landis and Selah Meyer

Star—Sarah Alderfer

Wiseman—Scott, Josiah & Elijah Stitt

Women’s Trio—Alicia Rodgers, Kara Detweiler, Katie Brubaker

Accompanied by Jon Eastburn

ASSISTIVE
LISTENING
AVAILABLE



Led by the Holy Spirit, we are an Anabaptist congregation committed to following Jesus in all things, so that God’s love flows through us to our community and the world.

The Offering: Salvation Army and Mennonite Disaster Service

Scripture Reading—Luke 1:26-38; 46-55—Bryan & Mindi Stout

The Christmas Meditation—Pastor Josh Meyer

“The Hallelujah Chorus”

The Christmas Blessing—Matthew 28:16-20

Postlude: “Go Tell It On The Mountain”



Christmas Eve offering recipients listed below



Mennonite
Disaster
Service

Parts of Pennsylvania experienced a drought this summer which left many farmers in counties like Juniata and Perry without corn, silage and hay to feed their animals. Now, through MDS, drought-stricken small farmers are receiving funds or silage that will help them through the winter.

MDS has created a fund to assist with the purchase of silage, shelled corn and hay to support farmers facing drought. The funds will also be used to help pay the trucking costs of transporting silage to those farms in need.



FOSTER CARE
& ADOPTION

Salvation Army Foster Care has been caring for the needs of children since 1915. This organization is serving needs for children in the Lehigh Valley and Southeast PA area. They offer foster care, parent education, support programs, and more. Within the foster care program, children are put with Christ centered families that offer them love they have never seen before.



From the Leadership Team

As a temporary measure, everyone is required to wear a face-covering over nose & mouth at all times inside the church building, except for young children and physically distant leaders upfront.

FMC LEADERSHIP TEAM

Larry Diener, Pastor of Community Life
Bronwen Leister, Director of Children’s Ministry
Kyle Rodgers, Pastor of Outreach & Youth
Helen Eastburn, Director of Music and Worship

Scott Kratz, Young Adult Ministry Leader
Josh Meyer, Pastor of Discipling & Preaching
Mark Wenger, Pastor of Administration & Team Leader