

Isaiah 9:2-7

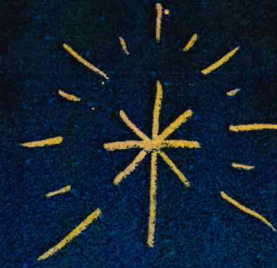
²The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. ³You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. ⁴For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. ⁵Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. ⁶For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

Luke 2:1-20

2 In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ² (This was the first census that took place while^[a] Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ And everyone went to their own town to register. ⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. ⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." ¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." ¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

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"Come to Worship"



GOD'S
GIFT TO US

His Son, The Savior

FRANCONIA MENNONITE CHURCH

December 24, 2021

Worship 6:30 pm

COME TO WORSHIP

Christmas Eve Service

Prelude – Rob & Emilie Presthus and Family

Gathering Song – Choir
'Loves Pure Light'

Welcome and Prayer – Pastor Kyle

Children's Time – Bronwen Leister
Lighting of the Christmas Candle

Special Music – FMC Choir, Children's Choir
'Sing we the Song of Emmanuel'
'Angels we have heard on High'

Worship Through Singing Together
'Hark the Herald Angels Sing' #201
'O Come All Ye Faithful' #212

Worship Through Hearing God's Word
Peter and Katie Brubaker—Isaiah 9:2-7, Luke 2:1-20

A Christmas Message – "Name Tags and Christmas Scales" Pastor Josh

Congregational Song of Response
'Joy to the World' #318



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.

Worship Through Prayer and Bringing our Gifts—Pastor Mark

Worship through Drama – 'A Christmas Hallelujah'

Alicia Rodgers, Kara Detweiler, Katie Brubaker, Tim Brown, Mikaela Davis, Connor Derstine, Dylan Derstine, Jake Shreiner, Savannah Youssef, Sarah Alderfer, Anthony Detweiler, Chase Detweiler, Trevor Godshall

Finale – Impromptu Choir

'The Hallelujah Chorus' – From Handel's *Messiah*
Monique Kratz, Heather Nyce, Mikayla Frederick

Anyone who would like to join us for the *Hallelujah Chorus* is welcome to do so. Music will be distributed.

A Christmas Blessing – Pastor Kyle

Tonight's Offering will be shared equally between a local and a global ministry. Make payments to "Franconia Mennonite Church".

- **Local:** Crossroads Pregnancy Care, Quakertown, PA
- **Global:** Material Resources work of Mennonite Central Committee, Akron, PA

*****To Our Guests**—We're so glad you have joined us this evening. We pray you will be touched by God's presence this Christmas season. Please join us in worship on Sunday mornings for Bible Fellowship Groups at 9 am and worship at 10:15 am***

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