



Franconia Mennonite Church

When Earth's
Most

LOWLY

See Heaven's
Highest

GLOWY

Sunday December 21, 2025



ORDER OF WORSHIP

An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. Luke 2:9

Prelude

Gathering Song

Lori Cassel & Worship Team

Welcome, Opportunities, Call to Worship

Pastor Kyle Rodgers

Lighting of Advent Candles

Allen and Jenny Caroff

Singing and Worship

Children's Lesson

Bronwen Leister

Congregational Prayer

Elmer Gerber

Special Music

Presthus' and Family

Scripture Reading Luke 2:8-20

Pastor Isaiah Cramer

Sermon—When Earth's Most Lowly See Heaven's Highest Glory

Pastor Rob Presthus

Song of Response

Sending

Pastor Earl Anders

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Earl Anders *Pastor*
Isaiah Cramer *Youth Pastor*
Bronwen Leister *Dir. Children's Min.*
Rob Presthus *Pastor of Admin; Care*
Kyle Rodgers *Pastor of Outreach*

CHURCH BOARD

Nate Weaver, chair; Dale Bergey;
Butch Cassel; Anthony Detweiler;
Andrew Landis; Kevin Landis;
Rob Presthus; Paul Veltre;
Ben Yoder



Nursery
0 - 3yrs



FmCGuest



Available at
sound booth

PRAYER REQUESTS

**Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.
Romans 12:12**

Pray God's blessing upon...

- **those** who will attend our Christmas Eve Service, that the Holy Spirit would draw people closer and open hearts to hear the gospel.
- **those traveling** during this Christmas season to be with family and friends.
- **family relationships** in the home and across the generations for healing and restoration.

Student Prayer...

- Pray over our children to be strong and courageous. 1 Chronicles 28:20

Pray God's grace, comfort and healing for...

- **Marcia Houck**, who is recovering from a medical procedure this week.
- **our missionaries** who face opposition and spiritual attack as they serve the Lord of the Harvest out on the field.

Praise for answered prayers...

- **Bev Moyer's** tumor has shrunk enough to have it surgically removed in January.
- **Curt Kratz**, who was able to return from Peter Becker to Dock Healthcare—a bed opened up!

Those enduring long-term illness...

- **Bev Moyer** - Breast cancer
- **Dave Cressman** - COPD
- **Caryn Widrick** - Depression
- **Art Keener** - Weakening Health
- **Shirley Hackman** - Depression
- **Jenni Moyer** - Fallopian tube cancer
- **Jaselyn Ramos** - Breast cancer

*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.*

FOLLOWING JESUS NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 21, 2025

FRANCONIA MENNONITE ANNUAL

CHRISTMAS EVE

Candlelight

SERVICE

DECEMBER 24

6:30PM

ALL ARE WELCOME



Group Activities

Email contact person for more information

| Girls' Club (Grades 3-5)

Contact Lindsey Hoover lindseyhoover3@gmail.com

January 7—Splatter painting

| Boys' Club (Grades 3-5)

Contact Mat Landis mat.landis@chlsystems.com

January 7—Escape room

For General Info about Children's Ministry, Boy's & Girl's Clubs:

| Junior High (Grades 6-8)

Contact Tasha Alderfer jtalderfer@gmail.com

Jan 7—Bible Study

Jan 16-18—Ignite Winter Retreat @ Spruce Lake

| Senior High (Grades 9-12)

Contact Pastor Isaiah Cramer ic900@cairn.edu

Dec 21—Bible Study 6:30 pm

| Young Adults (Ages 18-25) *INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!*

Contact Anthony & Kara Detweiler akcdetweiler@gmail.com

Jan 4—Ham Dinner fundraiser

Partners in Mission



Partner in Mission	Goal	Current Status
Esteban and Rosanna Arango	\$50,000	\$31,700
Jamy and Lisa Landis	\$55,000	\$45,061
Dave and Mary Landis	Goal	Raised
Dustin and Hannah Leatherman	\$62,700	\$54,200
Troy and Michelle Landis	\$36,000	\$19,000



Thank you to all the Carolers who BLESSED so many with the Christmas Carols sung at Giant, individual homes and the Souderton Mennonite Home.

Annual Church Business Meeting

January 7th 6:30 pm UFH

Nursery will be staffed and activities for 4 yr olds through 2nd grade in the Children's singing room.



January 4th Support our Young Adults Ham Dinner
Upper Fellowship Hall Following the morning service



Thank you to everyone who donated cookies, bought cookies and came out to show their support to our youth and children's ministry! If you missed the event the gingerbread houses are on display in the Upper Fellowship Hall today.



Family Service Project to First Fruits Farm April 17-19.

If interested in learning more about this opportunity please plan on attending an information meeting on 1/18 after worship.



FMC's annual Dock Mennonite Academy board & leadership meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 21st at 6:30pm in our upper fellowship hall. This meeting is open to anyone from the church.



In January, a team from our congregation will be traveling to visit our brothers and sisters in **Liberia**. We ask for your prayers that God will lead and guide as we continue to work in planning for the trip. Those on the team will be Martha Zoegar, Jeff and Donna Godshall, Pastor Kyle Rodgers, and Al and Iris Driver.



745 Christmas Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)

D Bm A D G D

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, in a man-ger low - ly;
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, sings the vir - gin Mar - y;
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

A/C# D Bm A/C# A/E Esus A

Christ the Son now veiled in flesh in our hu - man - i - ty.
 for he shall de - liv - er us from sin's cap - tiv - i - ty.
 Heav - en's an - gels sound his praise with earth and sky and sea!

D Bm A D G D A/C#

King - doms bow be - fore him, heav'n and earth a - dore him.
 Born to heal the na - tions, born for our sal - va - tion,
 Join the song of tri - umph, glo - ry in the high - est!

Bm D/F# G D G A D

God here in per - son, hail his maj - es - ty.
 oh, mag - ni - fy him, Christ the Prince of Peace.
 Let all cre - a - tion crown him King of kings.

Monday Celebrate Recovery—7 pm

Tuesday Shine—UFH—4 pm

Wednesday Christmas Eve Service—"Light at the Beginning"—Pastor Kyle Rodgers

Sunday "Following His Star"—Pastor Earl Anders

This week

January 4—New Year Communion

January 4—Young Adult Ham Dinner fundraiser

January 7—Congregation Business Meeting

January 8—Breakfast with the Pastors (note date change)

January 18—Parent Child Dedication

January 18—Family service project information meeting

January 25—Teacher Appreciation Lunch



Visitors, feel free to use our nursery!

Download the free KidCheck app for a quick check-in.

Today's staff

Infant SS—Chris & Gayle Bencsik

Infant Church—Joel & Tiff Landis

2&3 Church—Andrew & Danielle Landis

Next week's staff

Infant SS—Nate & Bronwen Leister

Infant and 2&3 Church—Alicia Rodgers & Nicole Nazzaro



TITHES AND
OFFERINGS

Last Week's Offering —\$22,874

Offering—Ways to Give

- * Sunday morning—**offering boxes** as you enter the auditorium
- * Online at franconiamennonite.org thru **Vanco ACH** (scan QR Code below)
- * **Electronic Funds Transfer**—call Monique Kratz at the Church Office
- * Mail to Church Office



Last Sunday Attendance

Worship—183

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