



December 24, 2025

Franconia Mennonite Church

CHRISTMAS EVE

Candlelight Service



ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Choir—*Light of the World*

Lori Cassel

Welcome and Call to Worship

Pastor Rob Presthus

O Come All Ye Faithful

Children's Nativity *

Bronwen Leister

Oh Little Town of Bethlehem—congregation join in after verse 1

Singing and Worship

Offering and Congregational Prayer

Pastor Earl Anders

Special Music—*O Holy Night*

Chris Bencsik

Scripture Reading—Luke 1:1-14

Abby Cramer

Meditation—*The Light at the Beginning*

Pastor Kyle Rodgers

Impromptu Choir

John Rittenhouse

'Hallelujah Chorus'

All are welcome to join. Music will be distributed up front.

Candle Lighting

Silent Night

Sending

Pastor Earl Anders

John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

To Our Guests—*We're so glad you chose to worship with us tonight. We invite you to join us as we seek to follow Jesus in all things. We meet on Sunday mornings for children and adult Sunday School classes at 9 am and worship together at 10:15 am.*

**** Nativity Participants ****

Mary- Alanna Weaver, Gabriel- Imlah Cramer, Joseph- Clayton Yoder, Angel- James Espenshade, King- Ethan Nyce, Angel- Everly Moyer, Shepherds- Rhett Halteman & Isaiah Weaver, Wiseman- Clay Landis, Owen Rodgers, Luke Varga , Star- Harper Goodwin

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING PROJECTS

Tonight's Offering will be shared to the benefit of two ministries:



Three Springs Ministry is a multi faceted ministry in North Central PA. As our work has grown over the past 40 years, we have

developed five “silos” of ministry. First and foremost, we are a Retreat Center. The Farm and Linck Hill Inn both serve to welcome guests for a time to gather, rest, and delight. The Barn serves many through the ministry of horses, trail rides, lessons, afterschool programs, and summer camp. Our Bus ministry takes us all over the country, serving churches and other groups as we lead missions trips or other expeditions wherever you might desire. Finally, our Strategic Partnerships help us to grow in community as we come alongside other organizations. At this time we are proud to serve the OneLife Institute as its longest standing site partner.



Global Disciples. We live in a time where many of those least-reached with the Gospel are within reach of a local church. Through our simple and effective strategy of training and coaching, believers share the Gospel in their own nations and cultures. Global Disciples helps the church fulfill this mission among unreached people groups. Our vision, to see that every person has an opportunity to choose and follow Jesus Christ.

Offering plates will be passed during the service, but contributions can be made before the end of the year in the following ways:

- * Offering boxes as you enter or exit the auditorium
- * Online at franconiamennonite.org thru Vanco ACH
- * Electronic Funds Transfer—call Monique Kratz at the Church Office
- * Mail to Church Office