

Benton Mennonite Church

December 31 2017

First Sunday after Christmas

Worship leader: Casandra Byler Song leader: Lyn Buschert

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

9:25 Silence and reflection

Lighting of the Advent candle
SS *Once in royal David's city*

Welcome and invocation

1. The order and goodness of creation are disrupted

Scripture Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19
HWB 176 *Comfort, comfort, O my people*

2. God promises that all the peoples of the world will be blessed

Scripture Genesis 22:15-18
HWB 182 *Oh, how shall I receive thee*

3. The people who walked in darkness receive the promise of a Messiah

Scripture Isaiah 9:2, 6-7
HWB 203 *Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light*
HWB 191 *O little town of Bethlehem*

4. The Messiah will restore the peace of creation

Scripture Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9
HWB 211 *Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming*

5. An angel appears to Mary and announces that she will bear a holy child

Scripture Luke 1:26-35, 38
HWB 180 *The angel Gabriel*

6. Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem and Mary gives birth

Scripture Luke 2:1-7
HWB 215 *What child is this?/ Helpless and hungry*
HWB 194 *Away in a manger*

7. Angels appear to shepherds announcing the birth of the Messiah

Scripture Luke 2:8-16
HWB 197 *Angels we have heard on high*
HWB 195 *It came upon a midnight clear*

Messiah *Hallelujah*

HWB = Hymnal Worship Book (Blue) SJ = Sing the Journey (Green)
BF = Blue Folder PP = PowerPoint SS = Song Sheet

Today

- ✝ Our worship service is based on *A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols*, a Christmas Eve Service at the King's College Chapel, Cambridge.
- ✝ No Sunday school.
- ✝ No fellowship meal.

Worship activity backpacks are available for preschool age children in the back of the sanctuary. Anyone is invited to come back to the activity table during the service.

Large print hymnals and hearing devices are available. See the sound person in the back for assistance.

This Week

- ✝ *Thursday, 7pm*, Pastoral Team at Martha's
- ✝ *Saturday, 8am*, Prayer Breakfast at Goshen Family Restaurant

Next Sunday

- ✝ Sunday school resumes.
- ✝ Fellowship meal resumes.
- ✝ Doug will conclude our "Let it be" Advent-Epiphany series with "Yes! Let it be declared" based on Matthew 2:1-12; Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:1-12; and Psalm 72:1-7,10-14.

Worship team for next Sunday

Worship leader: Kate Friesen Kempf

Song leader: Scott Friesen Kempf

Sound: Lane Meyer-Reed

Childcare: Rich Meyer and Helene Hoover

Greeters: Larry and Sharon Erb

Attendance for Sunday December 24 2017

Total: 57

Visitors: 7

Staff hours for this week

Brenda: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

Doug: Wednesday, Friday

Steve: Friday

This week Brenda Meyer returns from her three-month sabbatical.

Announcements and other bulletin information can be put in Steven Johns's mailbox, sent to office@bentonchurch.org, or left in the bottom left drawer of the desk in the secretary's office. All information is due by 7 pm, Thursday.

Please send all audio visual materials to soundguys@bentonchurch.org by 8 am, Sunday.

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***We will love as Jesus loves,
pursuing God's peace
at the river and at the table.***

