

Benton Mennonite Church

December 30 2018

Worship leader: Bruce Nofziger Song leader: Brenda Meyer
Childcare: None Children's focus: Jennifer Youngberg

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

9:25 Silence and reflection

Lighting of the Advent candle
HWB 209 *Oh, how joyfully*
Welcome and Invocation

1. Creation is good, and fallen

Scripture Genesis 1:24-33a; 4:1-2,8-12
HWB 176 *Comfort, comfort O my people*

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

Scripture Genesis 12:1-4a, 15:1-6
HWB 181 *My soul proclaims with wonder*

3. God liberates the slaves

Scripture Exodus 14:10-14
HWB 184 *Hark, the glad sound*

4. The Messiah will restore the peace of creation

Scripture Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9
HWB 189 *To us a child of hope is born*
BF 98 *When the sword and spear*

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

Children's Focus

Scripture Luke 2:1-7
HWB 211 *Lo, How a rose*
HWB 215, BF 92 *What child is this?/Helpless and hungry*

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

Scripture Luke 2:8-16
HWB 193 *Silent night, holy night*
HWB 197 *Angels we have heard on high*
HWB 213 *Let all together praise our God*

Offering
Sharing
Announcements

Sending: SJ 31 *He came down*

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

Today

- ✝ **Our Festival of Lessons and Carols** is based on the Christmas eve service at King's College Chapel at the University of Cambridge, England.
- ✝ **No classes**, but you are welcome to come and enjoy a sing-through of *Amahl and the Night Visitors*.
- ✝ **No fellowship meal.**

Worship activity backpacks are available for preschool age children in the back of the sanctuary.

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

This Week

- ✝ *Thursday, 5:30pm*, Supper meeting of the church board and building committee at Helene's home.

Next Sunday

- ✝ Doug will preach on "Light" connected with Matthew 2:1-12; Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:1-12; Psalm 72:1-7,10-14.
- ✝ Second hour will resume
- ✝ Noon, Fellowship meal, hosted by A-G.

Upcoming Events

- ✝ *Sunday January 13, 1pm*. Special congregational meeting for the building process.

Worship team for next Sunday

Worship leader: Jerrol Shaum Song leader: Barb Meyer-Reed
Children's focus: Rich Meyer Sound: Lane Meyer-Reed
Greeter: Jane Vendrely

Attendance for Sunday December 23 2018

Total: 55
Visitors: 5

Staff hours for this week

Brenda: Wednesday, Friday
Doug: Wednesday afternoon, Friday
Steve: Friday

Doug and Brenda continue on vacation through Wednesday.

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

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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