

We thank the many persons involved in this service:

Scripture reader – Marilyn Bishop

Joseph, Mary, & Baby Jesus – Kyle, Tara, and Vivian Miller

Angel – Ellie Nickel

Shepherds – Ray Person, Kendra Nickel, Tad Steiner

Wisepersons – Greg Ring, Carrie Mast, Chris Moser

Lighting of Christ candle – Lisa Murphy

Lighting of pew candles –

Anna Biesecker-Mast
Jacob Biesecker-Mast
Patrick Estell
Elizabeth Nisly
Antony Kingsley
Jacob Suter
Ana Neufeld-Weaver
Christopher Harnish

Pianist – Lucia Unrau

Sound operator – Walt Paquin

Lights/Tableau prompter – Gary Wetherill



Feliz Navidad

**First Mennonite Church Christmas Service
December 24, 2015 - 6:30 p.m.**

GATHERING

Prelude "Christmas Carols" arr. Mark Hayes
Lucia Unrau, pianist

Call to Worship

Special Music "Walk in the Light" arr. Andre Thomas
"Stars are for those who lift their eyes" arr. Pauline Delmonte
Youth Choir

Prayer Steven Yoder

***Hymn** "Come, thou long-expected Jesus" HWB 178

WORDS OF PROPHECY

Scripture Isaiah 9:2-7 Tig Intagliata

Musical Offering "Still, Still, Still" Austrian Carol – arr. Luboff
Chancel Choir

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Reading the Christmas Story Marilyn Bishop

Mary, Joseph, and the child - Luke 2:1-7

Hymn "Oh, how joyfully" HWB 209

Angel and shepherds – Luke 2:8-14

Hymn "'Twas in the moon of wintertime" HWB 190

The shepherds go to Bethlehem -- Luke 2:15 -20

Hymn "Away in a manger" HWB 194

Wisemen – Matthew 2:1-12

Hymn "As with gladness men of old" HWB 218
(vs. 1-3)

Offering our Gifts to the Deacons Benevolent Fund

Offertory "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" arr. Peter Terry

***Hymn** "O come, all ye faithful" HWB 212

CANDLES AND CAROLS

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Lighting of Candles Senior High Youth

"Silent night, holy night"
(two verses will be sung in the dark)

"O little town of Bethlehem"
(one verse will be sung in the dark)

Hymn "Break forth, O beauteous heav'nly light" HWB 203

Pastoral Prayer Wanda Stopher

***Benediction**

***Hymn** "Joy to the world" HWB 318

**Please stand if you are able*

HWB – Hymnal: A Worship Book