

# FLORADALE MENNONITE CHURCH

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

December 24, 2017, 7:00 pm

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Prelude	Julia Bowman
Welcome	Nancy Mann
Call to Worship	
Congregational Singing	Barb Draper
<i>"Oh, beautiful star of Bethlehem"</i>	STS#32
Lighting of the Christ Candle	Derrick & Delphine Burkhart
Special Music	Alina Kehl
Scripture Reading – Isaiah 9:2, 6-7	Mary Martin
Congregational Singing	
<i>"Oh, how joyfully"</i>	WB#209
Special Music	Casey Horn & Julia Bowman
Scripture Reading – John 1:1-5	Nichelle Bauman
Dramatic Reading: "The Incarnation" – from "Cloth for the Cradle" – Wild Goose Worship Group 2000 Presented by Roy Draper, Robert Mann and Nichelle Bauman	
Congregational Singing	
<i>"O Come, all ye faithful"</i>	WB#212
Scripture Reading - Luke 2:1-7	Mandy Martin
Children's Time	Nancy Mann
Special Music	Nichelle Bauman
<i>"Joseph's Lullaby"</i> Words and music by Bart Millard & Brown Bannister	
Scripture Reading – Luke 2:8-20	Darrell Jantzi
Congregational Singing	
<i>"Joy to the World"</i>	WB#318

Choir

*"Messiah's Lullaby"*

    Words and music by David Schwoebel

Prayer

Gary Knarr

Congregational Singing

*"Silent Night"*

    WB#193

Sending

Nancy Mann

Postlude



"So God throws open the door of this world—and enters as a baby. As the most vulnerable imaginable. Because He wants unimaginable intimacy with you. What religion ever had a God that wanted such intimacy with us that He came with such vulnerability to us? What God ever came so tender we could touch Him? So fragile that we could break Him? So vulnerable that His bare, beating heart could be hurt? Only the One who loves you to death."

-Ann Voskamp



### A Christmas Prayer

by Robert Louis Stevenson

Loving Father, help us to remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world.

Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be Thy children, and the Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen!