

# FLORADALE MENNONITE CHURCH

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

December 24, 2018, 7:00 pm

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Prelude

Welcome

Congregational Singing

*"O come, all ye faithful"*

HWB#212

*"Joy to the world"*

HWB#318

Scripture Reading – Isaiah 7:14 and 9:6-7

Congregational Singing

*"Emmanuel"*

on screen

Prayer

Scripture Reading – Luke 1:39-45

Congregational Singing

*"What child is this"*

HWB#215

Children's Time

Congregational Singing

*"The virgin Mary had a baby boy"*

HWB#202

Scripture Reading – Luke 2:1-20

Congregational Singing

*"Angels we have heard on high"*

HWB#197

Scripture Reading – Matthew 2:1-12

Congregational Singing

*"Oh, beautiful star of Bethlehem"*

STS#32

Meditation: "Guided by the light"

Congregational Singing

*"Silent night, holy night"*

HWB#193

Farewell Blessing

Postlude

**Preacher:** Jim Loepp Thiessen

**Worship Leader:** Ingrid Loepp Thiessen

**Musicians:** Barb Draper, Eileen Freeman, Florence Jantzi, Alina Kehl,  
Ingrid Loepp Thiessen, Merri-Lee Metzger, Kim Rempel



Light looked down  
and saw darkness.  
"I will go there," said Light.

Peace looked down  
and saw war.  
"I will go there," said Peace.

Love looked down  
and saw hatred.  
"I will go there," said Love.

So  
the Lord of Light  
the Prince of Peace  
the King of Love  
came down  
and crept in  
beside us.

Cloth for the Cradle, Iona Community

## **Matthew 2:1-12 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

**2** In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage.” <sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup> and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup> ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’” <sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” <sup>9</sup> When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup> On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.