

CONTINUUM

Hope Mennonite Church
Lessons & Carols
December 24, 2025
5:30 p.m.

Prelude

Lighting the Christmas Candle *Tender Mercies*
Ensemble verses, congregation refrain

Litany of Welcome

**O Come, All Ye Faithful* #241

Lessons 1 & 2 Micah 5:2; Isaiah 9:6-7

Now the Heavens Start to Whisper #237
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming #216

Lesson 3 Luke 1:26-35

Wisdom from on High Is Dawning #238

Lesson 4 Luke 1:39-55

Silent prayer

Come, join in Mary's prophet-song of justice for the earth, for
right out-grows the fiercest wrong, revealing human worth—
bound not within the wealth we crave or in the arms we bear,
but in the holy sign God gave: the image that we share.

Lesson 5 Luke 2:1-7

When the Son of God Was Born Sally DeFord

Lighting the Christ candle

O Little Town of Bethlehem

#245

Lesson 6

Luke 2:8-20

**The First Noel, the Angel Did Say (vs 1-4)*

#250

**Joy to the World*

#240

Prayer

*Sharing the Christ Light

Silent Night

*Benediction

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*You are welcome to stand

Thank you for worshipping with us on this Christmas Eve. May the mystery of God's presence in Jesus Christ fill your Christmas with joy and promise; rejoice in Emmanuel – God with us. If you are joining by Zoom, you are invited to have a candle ready for "Sharing the Light" to display on your screen.

Worship Participants

Worship leaders: Ruth Harder & Katelyn Anderson

Pianist: Laurie Regehr

Song leader: Steve Pankratz

Scripture readers: Margaret Wiebe, Jared Regehr, Chris Teufel

Candle lighter: Michael Schaffer

Duet: Natalie Regehr, Rod Kremer

Ensemble: Ruthie Goering, Joanna Pinkerton, Karen Zehr, Treva Greaser, Natalie Regehr, Rod Kremer, Leon Greaser, Lowell Birkey, Jerold Heide

Instrumentalists: Brad & Maddie Anderson

Zoom tech & host: Mike Voth

Silent Night

Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
'round yon virgin mother and child;
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace;
sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar,
heav'nly hosts sing, "Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born."

Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, Love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace.
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Silent night, holy night!
Wondrous star, lend thy light.
With the angels let us sing
"Alleluia" to our King.
"Christ the Savior is born;
Christ the Savior is born."