

Wilmot Mennonite Church

Christmas Eve 2022

7:00 p.m.

Prelude

Sylvia Gallian

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined. (Is 9:2)

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Isaiah 9:1-7 Unto us a child is born

VT 218 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Luke 2:1-7 Jesus is Born

Lighting of the Christ Candle

With this lighting of the Christ Candle we rejoice with prophets, angels, and Mary and Joseph in welcoming Christ!

Our hope has arrived!

Thank you God, for sending us your Son.

May this light remind us of the hope we all carry because you love the whole world!

VT 257 Away in a Manger

Luke 2:8-14 The Angels visit the Shepherds

VT 249 Angels We Have Heard on High

Luke 2: 15-20 The Shepherds visit Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus

VT 275 O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem

Responsive Reading:

The waiting is over, Jesus Christ has come,
The promised One of Christmas is now present in our midst.

**May we let the chaos settle and turn from our distractions,
May we notice the places that shimmer with his presence.**

Love comes down at Christmas,
Beloved son of God, we welcome the coming of the Saviour of the world.

**A child born as one of us to make all things new,
A Saviour birthed to bring righteousness and justice for all.**

Watch for the signs and listen for the messengers,
Stand on tiptoe, shout for joy and trumpet the good news.

**God's miracle has come down from heaven,
The Christ child has come.**

May this child of Christmas come to us and give us hope,
May he grow in us and show us life.
May he speak to us and teach us love.

**Something new is emerging
something new is being birthed,
Jesus has come and we open our hearts to be his home.**

VT 267 What Child is This

Meditation: Expectations and Presence

VT 254 O How Joyfully

Prayer (Offering)

Concluding Words

VT 240 Joy to the World

Lighting of our Candles

VT 244 Silent Night

Benediction