# Light of Hope Christmas Eve Service





December 24, 2023

## Christmas Eve Service December 24 2023, 5:00 pm Bethel Mennonite Church

Light of Hope: Singing Through The Night

#### Gathering

	Choir Welcome		Come O Shepherds (arr. Jack Best)
	Prayer		
	Hymn	VT 241	O Come, All Ye Faithful
Prepa	ring		
	Children's Choir		O How Joyfully
	Lighting of Ac	lvent Candles	
	Children's Fea	ature	

Children's Choir Joy To The World Dedication of Offering

#### Dusk (7pm)

Isaiah 11:1-9	
Reading	
Solo	Poor of the Earth

### Darkness (10pm)

Luke 2:1-7 Reading Hymn

VT 267 What Child Is This (Choir: Helpless and Hungry – VT 268)

Midni	ght (12pm)				
	Psalm 130:1-6				
	Reading				
	Duet		Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming		
Starsh	ine (2am)				
	Matthew 2:1-	-12			
	Choir		Hurry, Hurry Yonder		
			(D. Davenport and D. Wagner)		
	Reading				
	Hymn	VT 275	O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem		
Brilliance (3am)					
	Luke 2:8-14				
	Choir		As Lately We Watched (Charles Black)		
	Reading				
	Hymn	VT 247	Hark! the Herald Angels Sing		
Silence (4am)					
	Luke 2:15-20				
	Choir		Christ was born on Christmas Day (A. Parker and R. Shaw)		
	Reading				
	Hymn	VT 244	Silent Night, Holy Night		
Dawn	(6am)				
	Isaiah 60:1-3				
	Lighting of Ch	rist Candle			
	Benediction				
	Choir		O Splendor of God's glory bright		

Leading us in worship				
Worship Leader:	Kevin Derksen			
Scripture Reader:	MaryLou Driedger			
Children's Feature:	Valerie Alipova			
Song Leader:	Rudy Krahn			
Choir Director:	Waldy Ens			
Choir:	Bethel Singers			
Soloists:	Lynette Ens, Pamela Derksen, and Erika Ens			
Children's Choir:	Gerald Ens			
Bell Ringer:	Irma Fast Dueck			

We affirm that the earth is the Lord's and all that is in it. Recognizing that we are all treaty people, with gratitude we acknowledge our gathering on Treaty #1 land and the traditional homeland of the Métis Nation. **Imitating** the inclusive welcome of Jesus, we seek to be a community marked by the love of God. Regardless of age, race, gender identity, or sexual orientation, we invite you to make Bethel your spiritual home. Sharing the peace of Christ, together we strive to reveal the realm of God in the world.



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