

Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship

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Advent 2: O the Mystery of God's dwelling in our relationships

Inviting the Mystery

Prelude: A time to quiet your spirit in preparation for worship

Gathering Song: It came upon a midnight clear

blue, 195

Linda Leichty

Prayer of Invocation Call to Worship

Leader: Come and welcome one another in the name of Christ!

People: Let us awake to peace!

Leader: Live in harmony and join your voices in song.

People: Yes--let us with one voice glorify God.

Leader: In Christ, we see the confirmation of God's promise:

People: the salvation of our God is near.

All: O, the mystery of God's dwelling in our relationships!

Songs: Come, thou long-expected Jesus blue, 178

Joyful is the Dark vs. 1, 2, 3, 5 blue, 233

Engaging the Mystery

Dramatic Reading

Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-10 Brenda & Daniel Grimes

Confession and Lighting of the Advent Candles

Leader: The second Advent candle is the candle of peace.

People: In this light, we receive forgiveness,

knowing that God dwells with us in our relationships.

Song: Will the Children? insert
Children's Time Mark Yoder

In your sickness, your sufferings, your trials and pains, God is with you all the time. Persecution, temptation and loneliness, God is with you

all the time.

Scripture: Psalm 72:1-7

Silence

Song: *All praise to our redeeming Lord* blue, 21

Celebrating the Mystery

Sermon: Of Kings and Justice Dan Schrock

Offering

Sharing and Congregational Prayer and Candlelighting

Song: *Put peace into each other's hands* green, 87 Song: *Come! Walk in the light* purple, 10

Benediction

Leader: Seek harmony that you may abide in God's dwelling! **People:** We will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **All:** In the mystery of God's dwelling in relationships, there is peace!

Transition to Fellowship, Christian Education, and Mission

Welcome and Introduction of Visitors (*Please pass the friendship registers*) Announcements Closing Prayer

Please join us for coffee and tea in the fellowship hall.

Worship Participants:

Worship Leader: Marilyn Rudy-Froese

Song Leader: Lane Miller Accompanist: Angela Shenk

Prelude/Offertory: Richard Aguirre Congregational Prayer: Renae Yoder

Dramatic Reading: Ruth Hathaway, Margaret Stoltzfus,

Eleanor Nafziger and Laverne Nafziger Lighting of the Advent Candles: Brenda & Daniel Grimes

Nursery: Nancy & Dick Yoder Ushers: Bob & Lorraine Pflederer AV Operator: Matthew Williams

Visuals: Lana Smucker

Childcare is available during worship for infants & toddlers (Ages 0-3).

Nurture Hour

Sunday school will begin at 11:00 a.m. and end at 12:00 p.m. unless otherwise announced in worship. First enjoy a time of fellowship after the worship service.

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