Christmas Eve Service

Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship
December 24, 2015

Prelude
Welcome
Prayer of Invocation
Song: *Savior of the nations, come*   blue, 173

A light shines in the Darkness   Isaiah 9:2-7
Lighting of the Christ Candle
> Here is good news of great joy, for all people:
> God has rescued us from the domain of sin and death,
> and brought us into the realm of Christ,
> in whom our release is secured,
> and our sins are forgiven.
> The light shines in the darkness,
> and the darkness has never captured it.
>> *Light the Christ candle.*
> Let us pray that we may know the warmth and love of Jesus Christ,
> and show Christ's love to the world.
>> *Silent prayers.*
> **Risen Christ, light of the world,**
> **Shine in our lives and shine among us now.**
> **Hallelujah! Amen!**

Songs: *Oh, how joyfully*   blue, 209
      O little town of Bethlehem   blue, 191

Gabriel appears to Mary   Luke 1:26-38
Song: *No wind at the window*   purple, 11

The Angel appears to Joseph   Matthew 1:18-24
Song: *O come, O come, Immanuel*   blue, 172

Mary rejoices   Luke 1:39-55
Song: *My soul is filled with joy*   green, 13

Children's Story: *Room for a Little One*

Jesus is born   Luke 2:1-7
Song: *Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming*   blue, 211

Angels appear to the shepherds   Luke 2:8-20
Song: *Angels we have heard on high*   blue, 197

Affirmation of Faith
> The reign of Christ comes not by conquest, domination and
> manipulation,
> but by gracious love, gladly given, and willingly received.
> The reign of Christ comes near wherever people covenant together
> and say,
> **Christ, we are your body: live in our hearts.**
> **Christ, we are your people: govern our lives.**
> **Christ, we are your witnesses: send us out in your name!**

Song: *It came upon a midnight clear*   blue, 195

The Word of God becomes flesh and dwells with us   John 1:1-14
Song: *O come, all ye faithful*   blue, 212

Blessing
Song: *Joy to the world*   blue, 318

Worship Participants:
Worship Leaders: Marilyn Rudy-Froese and Dan Schrock
Song Leader: Greg Smucker
Accompanists: Paul Leichty and Terri Brenneman
Prelude: Terri Brenneman
AV Operator: Nick Schrock