

**The Offering** this evening is for MCC kits, bringing comfort and joy to many around the world. (There is a plate in the rear of the sanctuary for your donations.)

This Christmas Enactment Service was coordinated by Rosie Epp and Renee Reimer. The script was adapted from the “All-Church Christmas Pageant” by Talashia Keim Yoder, created for College Mennonite Church, Goshen, IN.

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# A Christmas Enactment



December 24, 2022 — 7 P.M.

Zion Mennonite Church  
Elbing, Kansas

Prelude Reinhild Janzen, Annette Voth, Klingenberg family

Scripture *Jeremiah 33.14-16* Prophet

\* Hymn “O come, O come, Immanuel” VT #210, vss. 1,3,5,7  
Advent Candle Lighting

Welcome

Prayer of Illumination (*unison*)

**Come, Immanuel, God with us. Join us this evening as we enact the story of the birth of our savior.**

**Jesus, we welcome you, the one who walks with us on the path to hope, peace, joy and love.**

**In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.**

Scripture *Zephaniah 3.4-20 & Malachi 3.1-4* Prophet

Hymn “My soul cries out” VT #412  
(Readers 1, 2, 3, & 4 come to microphone)

Scripture *Luke 1.26-46a* Readers 1, 2, 3, & 4

Hymn “My soul proclaims” VT #222  
(Mary & Joseph to back of sanctuary; Readers 1, 2, 3, 4 exit; Readers 5 & 6 come to microphone)

Scripture *Micah 5:2-5a* Prophet

Hymn “O little town of Bethlehem” VT #245, vss. 1-2  
(Stable animals to stage)

Scripture *Luke 2.1-5* Readers 5 & 6

Hymn “O little town of Bethlehem” VT #245, vss. 3-4  
(Mary & Joseph to stable; Choir to piano)

Scripture *Luke 2.6-7* Readers 5 & 6

Special Music Adult Choir  
“What child is this/Helpless and hungry (VT #267/268)  
(Sheep & Shepherds to center of sanctuary)

Scripture *Luke 2.8* Readers 5 & 6

Hymn “Poor of the Earth” VT #213  
(Angels go to choir loft)

Scripture *Luke 2.9-14* Readers 5, 6 & Angels

Hymn “Angels we have heard on high” VT #249  
(Readers 1 & 2 to microphone)

Scripture *Luke 2.15-19* Readers 1 & 2  
(Magi to back of sanctuary; Sheep & Shepherds to stage, surrounding Mary & Joseph; Choir to piano)

Special Music “Nino lindo” Adult Choir

Scripture *Matthew 2.1-2, 10-11* Readers 1 & 2  
(Magi process up the aisle to the stage and kneel [if able] before Jesus; Stars stand by organ)

Hymn “Oh, beautiful star of Bethlehem” VT #275

Scripture *Isaiah 40.9-11* Prophet

\* Hymn “Go tell it on the mountain” VT #252  
(Angels stand back up; Townspeople come to see the infant Christ at the stable, in the aisles, in the pews)

(Candles passed out)

\* Candlelighting “Peace, Peace” Adult Choir  
with congregation singing “Silent Night” on vs. 3 VT #244  
*Please remain in silence until lights come on*

\* Benediction

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*\* All who are able are invited to stand*