



December 28th, 2025 9:30 a.m.

Be Amazed!

Prelude

Annie Schulz

Gathering Thoughts

Laur Steven

Call to Worship

Leader: In the wilderness, a voice cries out:

“Prepare the way of the Lord!”

People: We have heard the call; we have watched for the light.

Leader: The One we waited for has come

– a gentle dove, a vulnerable child.

**People: We have seen the Christ child among the poor;
we have heard the soft flutter of wings.**

Leader: This is how God arrives among us

– not in power and might, but in vulnerable love.

People: Your ways are not our ways, O God.

Leader: Come, let us worship the One who has come among us,
the Lamb of God, the light of the world.

All: *We stand in amazement – Christ has been revealed!*

Prayer

Candle Lighting Litany

Leader: We have been waiting in the long, dark night,
waiting for your light of hope, peace, joy, and love
to reveal itself and shine on us. Shine in us.

People: Come, Light of the world. Amaze us!

**All: *May your light shine through the dark,
illuminating your path, illuminating our souls.***

Hymn

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

VT #248

Passing of the Peace

Offertory Prayer

Hymn

Helpless and Hungry

VT #268

Prayers of the People Laur Steven

Hymn *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* VT #247, vv.2,3

Scripture Reading Isaiah 40:3 (OT p.667)

Hymn *Come, Gracious Spirit* VT #371

Scripture Reading John 1:19-34 (NT p.92)

Meditation "God With Us" Mac Plunkett

Hymn of Response *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*
VT #261, vv.2,3

Benediction Mac Plunkett

Sending Hymn *O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem* VT #275, vv.1,3

Postlude

*It is good to be together in worship this morning!
The ushers are pleased to help any who need assistance.
[Offering plate is available on table at back of sanctuary]*

GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance ~ Sunday, December 21st – 52

Sunday January 4th ~ Speaker: Darrell Winger,
with Chris and Lacey sharing
Scripture Readings: Psalm 66:1-5; John 1:35-51

Coffee Time ~ January 11th, January 25th after the service

Women's Chorus ~ Thursdays January 15th, January 29th 9:30 am

“**Come and See...**” is our theme for the Season of Epiphany. In this season, we are invited to come to Christ with our hearts and minds open to experience the leading of the Spirit into new truth and understanding. To grow in the love of Jesus and share this love as his witnesses. Jesus continually calls us, as his people, to “come and see”, and to be a church that makes Christ and Kingdom visible in our world as we pursue peace, justice, and reconciliation.

Pastor Congregation Review, January 2026

As the three-year Covenant between Darrell Winger, Lead Administrative Pastor, and Grace Mennonite Church expires on August 31, 2026, Council is required to undertake a review no later than six months prior, the end of February. On behalf of the Church Council, the Pastor Congregation Relations Committee (PCRC) is facilitating a Pastoral and Congregational Survey. **You will find the survey questionnaire in your mailbox today.** Please complete the survey adding your comments or examples in response to the questions posted. Feel free to use the backside as well if more space is needed. **Please place the completed survey in the mailbox of David Brubacher, PCRC Chair, by Sunday January 11, 2026.** Thank you!

ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD



We pray for peace in our world, asking for compassion and understanding in the face of violence and fear. We especially remember Australia and those affected by the recent shooting. **We pray for comfort for the injured, those who lost loved one, first responders and all who are affected by this tragedy.** God, make us channels of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us bring Your love.



