

Christmas Worship Service - 2024-12-22

1. "O Come, All Ye Faithful" - Mennonite Hymnal #132 [Worship Team]
2. "What Child is This" - Mennonite Hymnal #129 [Worship Team]
3. Opening (Advent Candles, Reading and Verse on screen, *video will be later*) [Chad Hollinger]
4. Creation:
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 - b. [box to be opened] Box 1 (the world / Creation)
 - c. Ye who sang creation's story, Now proclaim Messiah's birth
 - d. [image then video] Video 1 (slide 10) Apollo 8 - Book Of Genesis Reading (December 24, 1968)
5. Fall
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 - d. To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray
 - e. Whistle Choir: "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"
6. Rescue
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 - d. An Angel Speaks to Joseph - Matthew 1:18-21 (Winston)
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 - h. Journey to Bethlehem & The Birth of Jesus - Luke 2:1-7 (Maria)
 - i. Angels Appear to Shepherds - Luke 2:8-20 (Jeff)
 - j. [video] Video 2 (slide 30) "The Shepherd"(continuation, Advent 4
 - k. "Manger Throne" (green folder #13) [Worship Team]
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 - e. [video] Video 3 (slide 37) "Revive Us Again" - Advent Peter Sensenig
 - f. Whistle Choir: "Ding Dong Merrily on High"
 - g. Special Music (McCosbys) - "Peace On Earth, Goodwill to Men"
8. "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" - Mennonite Hymnal #135 [Worship Team]
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(condensed version for the church bulletin)

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