

ERB STREET MENNONITE CHURCH
Sunday, December 24, 2023
4th Advent

Prelude

Gathering Hymn *Poor of the Earth* **VT 213**

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: God sent the angel Gabriel to a young woman in Nazareth named Mary. He said to her, "Greetings, favoured one! God is with you."

High voices: But Mary was perplexed by Gabriel's words,

Low voices: and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

Leader: The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, for you have found favour with God."

People: God worked through Mary. Can God work through us?

(pause)

All: Together we ponder.

Opening Prayer

Hymn *Hark the Glad Sound!* **VT 217**

Story Circle

Offering and Offertory

Silent Prayer of Attention

Scripture Readings 2 Samuel 7:1-7, Luke 1:26-38

Sung Scripture Response *Longing for Light (v.4&5)* **VT 715**

Sermon A House for God

Hymn of Response *The Angel Gabriel Called Mary Blessed* **VT 221**

Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Hymn of Sending *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* **VT 261**

Candle Lighting & Benediction

Leader: Together we ponder.

Lighter: We're so ordinary. Will God really work through us?

Leader: Do not be afraid! Nothing is impossible with God. Go, for the Mighty One has done great things, and more will come!

Postlude

PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leader:	Margaret Nally
Accompanist:	Sheila Wallace, Joanne Bender
Story Circle:	Brenda Jewitt
Scripture Reader:	Bob Nally
Sermon:	Scott Brubaker-Zehr
Congregational Prayer:	Margaret Nally
Candle Lighter:	Judy Dyck
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Tech Host:	Joe Wildfong
Ushers:	Dale Good and Bruce Fretz
Greeters:	Tim & Jeanette Kennel