



**Salem-Zion Mennonite Church
Christmas Day: Christ is Born!
December 25, 2024**

10:30 a.m.

*“And the Word became flesh and lived among us,
and we have seen his glory.” - John 1:14*

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Ken Mannes

*How far is it to Bethlehem?
O Lord, how shall I greet thee?
Hark, the glad sound (Paul Manz)*

Welcome and Call to Worship

Corey Miller

L: Today, O God, the soles of your feet have touched the earth!

**P: Today, the back street, the forgotten place, have been lit up
with significance.**

L: Today, the households of earth welcome the King of heaven.

P: For you have come among us, you are one of us.

**ALL: So may our songs rise to surround your throne as our knees
bend to salute your cradle. Amen.**

Christ Candle Lighting – *Hope Is a Candle*

Lacey Friesen

Opening Prayer

* Singing our Praise – *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

VT #261

* Praising with the Psalmist

Psalm 98

* Song – *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

VT #241

Children’s Story

Gwen Ortman

Special Music

Henry Friesen

Offering – *Caminando Juntos (Presentation Sisters)*
(please make checks out to Salem-Zion)

Offertory

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Hearing the Old Testament

Isaiah 52:7-10

Special Music – *Lo, How a Rose*

Arlan & Ellen Ortman family

* Hearing the Gospel

John 1:1-14

The Christmas Story

PowerPoint

Special Music – *Piano music from Messiah*

Estelle Waltner

Meditation – “Celebrating Christ’s Light”

Pastor Corey Miller

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Special Music

Josh Hofer

Christmas Prayer

SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM GOOD NEWS

* Song – *Oh, How Joyfully*

VT #254

* Benediction

Postlude – *Improvised*

Caminando Juntos, sponsored by the Aberdeen Presentation Sisters, is a ministry with the Latino population in the Sioux Falls, South Dakota area. Inspired by the zeal of our foundress, Nano Nagle, and her deep love for those made poor, Caminando Juntos responds to the Gospel mandate to “welcome the stranger” and to work for justice. Our primary purpose is to help create a welcoming presence and respond to the needs of newer Latino immigrants as they seek to integrate into a new culture and make a home in area communities.

Caminando Juntos began in 2002 as a response to the rapidly increasing presence of Latino immigrants in eastern South Dakota. Over these past years, this ministry has welcomed and served thousands of Latinos.

