

CHARLESWOOD MENNONITE CHURCH

December 29, 2024

Worship Service 10:45 am

Worship Leader: Lisa Enns

Speaker: Mike Neufeld

Candlelighters: Eric & Kathy Fast

Song Leader: Henry Kliever

Scripture Reader: John Braun

Pianist: Caroline Klassen

Storyteller: Laura Thiessen

Visuals: Kathy Fast

Ushers: Luke & Vaughn Rempel Snider

Technician: Kent Haase

Keeping Promises – Who sees it?

GATHERING

Prelude

Opening Words & Prayer

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Call to Worship:

Leader: As we worship today, God, we ask this of you:

People: Wipe pride from our hearts, that we might truly love one another. Rinse conceit from our eyes, that we might see one another as you see.

Leader: We rest in your promises and wait for you.

People: Calm and quiet, we trust in you.

Leader: Open our hearts,

All: *that we might let go of all that separates us from you and one another.*

Songs: VT 265 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

VT 225 *We Come*

Candlelighting:

Reader 1: Have you heard the news?

Jesus, the promised Messiah has come!

Reader 2: I have heard the Good News! God is with us; Jesus is here!

(the Christ candle is lit)

**All: *Let us shout it aloud for everyone to hear!
Come join us on this journey,
as we live out the Good News of Christ!***

HEARING THE WORD

Song: VT 239 *He Came Down*

Story & Children's Offering

Song: VT 221 *The Angel Gabriel Called Mary Blessed*

Scripture: Luke 2:21-38

Sermon: "Time in the Waiting Room"

RESPONDING

Song: VT 276 *Solemn Stillness, Weary Streets*

Silent Reflection on Offering

Sharing [livestream muted] & Prayer

Announcements

GOING FORTH

Song: VT 254 *Oh, How Joyfully*

Benediction