

CHARLESWOOD MENNONITE CHURCH

December 28, 2025

Worship Service 10:45 am

Worship Leader: Julie Derksen

Speaker: Jonathan Neufeld

Children's Story: Julia Thiessen

Song Leader: Ann Koop Hunsberger

Ushers: Brenda & Dennis Penner

Pianist: Emily Rempel

Visuals: Bruno & Caroline Klassen, Lynette Wiebe

Sunday after Christmas ~ Be Amazed: God Among Us

WE GATHER

Prelude (*please become quiet and contemplate the projected image*)

Art: *Sustenance for Wholly Living: The Spirit*, by Gwen M. Stamm

Welcome and Introductions

Call to Worship

One: In the wilderness, a voice cries out:
"Prepare the way of the Lord!"

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

One: The One we waited for has come—
a gentle dove, a vulnerable child.

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

One: This is how God arrives among us—
not in power and might, but in vulnerable love.

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

One: 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

One: 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.

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

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

Hymn: 248 *It Came upon a Midnight Clear*

WE HEAR

Children's Story

Hymn: VT 260 *On This Great Day of Days*

Scripture Reading: John 1:19-34

Sermon: "Can someone please just grab the Dijon?"

WE RESPOND

Hymn: VT 737 *Breath on Me, Breath of God*

Offering Prayer and Reflection

Sharing (*livestream paused*) and Prayer (VT 453, vv 1, 3, 4, 1)

WE ARE SENT

Announcements

Hymn: VT 259 *To Us a Child of Hope is Born*

Benediction

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