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*At New Creation we seek to celebrate our differences as gifts and blessings - our differences in color, gender, sexual orientation, and the many other ways we are categorized by the world. You are welcome in this place as we journey together, discerning how to follow Jesus more faithfully.*

**PRAYER requests**

**Western District Conference:** In this Advent season, give thanks for God's gifts of creativity and joy celebrated in the diverse cultural and ethnic traditions of congregations across WDC.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Matthew and Toni Krabill, who are serving with MMN, engage in ministries of relationship building and teaching in French-speaking countries around the world, through in-person and online classes, conferences, and seminars, from their base at the Paris (France) Mennonite Center. Pray for them as they encourage communication and understanding between Christians and Muslims.

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December 18, 2022



**Bathsheba**

Prelude

Opening Song: Oh, How Joyfully ..... VT 254

Welcome and Announcements.....Anthony Horsch

Call to Worship ..... Screen

Advent Candle Lighting Liturgy.....Screen  
 (Marvin & Ruth Penner will light the candles)

Songs of Reflection:

Slowly Turning, Ever Turning..... StJ 23

While We Are Waiting, Come ..... Screen

Longing For Light..... StJ 54

My Soul Proclaims with Wonder ..... VT 222

Offering

Children's Time..... Rebecca Barrett-Fox

Scripture ..... 1 Kings 1:1-5, 11-21, 28-31

Sermon..... John Murray

*The Wife of Uriah:*

*Resilience In the Face of The Abuse of Power*

Sharing and Praying Together..... "O God, hear us"

Closing Song: O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem ..... VT 275

Benediction.....

Contributions Dec 11 - General Fund: \$3632

	<u>December 18</u>	<u>Saturday, Christmas Eve, December 24</u>
Worship leader	Anthony H	?
Song leader	Vicki L and Krista M	?
Musicians	Rhonda H	Rhonda H
Sound & video	George & Aaron V	Andy & Aaron V
Children's time	Rebecca B-F	Rebecca B-F
Speaker	John M	Rebecca B-F
Care of building	John & Krista M	George & Mona K

#### Lectionary Text for Dec 24

[Isaiah 9:2-7](#)

[Psalm 96-98](#)

[John 1:1-14](#)

[Luke 2:1-20](#)

If you need **pastoral care support** over the Christmas weekend (December 23-26), please contact Norm Lichti. Audrey Ratzlaff and Krista Murray. I will be in the area but focusing attention with family on those days.

**Shalom Mennonite Church** will host a Longest Night service on Dec. 21 at 7 pm. Anyone is welcome. It's a contemplative service with candle lighting and Taizé music.

**Camp Mennoscah:** *Let your face shine on us, Immanuel, and restore us.* Camp Mennoscah sends everyone Christmas greetings on this last week of Advent. We have been blessed by your generosity of prayers, visits, volunteering and donations this year. Thank you for being part of the Camp Mennoscah community.



# NCFC Advent 2022



**Christmas Service:** Join us for a special Christmas Eve service, either in person or via Zoom. We'll gather Saturday 6:30 pm for a brief time of listening to the Christmas story, singing carols, and special music. Invite friends and

family in need of a time of reflection, celebration, and joy!

**There will be NO worship on Sunday morning, Dec 25th.**

A small group of people from NCFC are discussing [Expecting Emmanuel: Eight Women who Prepared the Way](#). All adults and teens are welcome to join the conversation!

We will meet via Zoom from 7-8 pm:

12/20: Ruth and Bathsheba

1/3: Mary

1/10: pm: Anna, Weeping Mothers, Sophia

You can come to one, some, or all of the discussions.

Questions? Ask Rebecca B-F.

Patchwork Farms is hosting:

## Night in the Barn

December 17&18

5 - 7:00 p.m.

Presented by Tabor Mennonite Church

Join others from New Creation at **Night in the Barn**, a living nativity walking tour at Patchwork Farms. On December 18, from 5-7, you can walk through a scene illustrating the Christmas story with live animals. The tour lasts about 30 minutes and ends with a warm drink and Christmas treat. Donations accepted for the Tabor Mennonite youth group. Patchwork Farms is located 6 miles north of Newton on Highway K-15, then 3/4 miles east. If you'd like to caravan on either night, contact Rebecca B-F.

