

Christmas Eve Service
6:30 p.m., December 24, 2016
First Mennonite Church
Hillsboro, Kansas

Christmas Music		Shirley Baltzer
Words of Welcome		Pastor Susan
*Hymn	<i>O come, all ye faithful</i>	No. 212
*Call to Worship (on back)		Pastor Susan
*Hymn	<i>Angels we have heard on high</i>	No. 197
Songs with the Children		Judy Harder
	<i>Happy Christmas</i>	
	<i>Baby Lyin' in a Manger</i>	
	<i>There was a Little Baby</i>	
	<i>Friendly Beasts</i>	
Offering for Mennonite Central Committee		
*Praying for our World (on back)		Pastor Susan
*Hymn	<i>Joy to the World</i>	No. 318
Kids Making a Scene!		Kids Troupe and Judy
	<i>(including "There's a Stable")</i>	
Preparing for Candle Lighting		
	<i>Sweet Little Jesus Boy</i>	Holly and Doug
Candle Lighting		
	<i>(ends with Silent Night, Holy Night No. 193)</i>	
Prayer		Pastor Susan
*Hymn	<i>The First Noel</i>	No. 199

Following the service, please join us for refreshments
in our Fellowship Hall.



CALL TO WORSHIP

On this holy night,
we come, joining the shepherds
who are stunned and in wonder.

Glory to God! Glory to God in the Highest!

On this silent night,
we come, our hopes and dreams
joining the dreams of Mary and Joseph.

Glory to God! Gory to God in the Highest!

On this night of carols and candlelight,
we come, our glad songs joining
the choirs of angels over and around us.

Glory to God! Glory to God in the Highest!

PRAYING FOR OUR WORLD

We hear the story of an angel with good news,
who brought good tidings of great joy for all people.

We want good tidings for countries in crisis.

We want good tidings for soldiers caught in webs of violence.

We want good tidings for terrorists whose actions spread fear and anguish.

We want good tidings for all who grieve, and see no end to grieving.

We want good tidings for children who long to inherit a country
where peace has blossomed.

Jesus, our Savior,

may good tidings of great joy be for *all* people.

May all nations, and all creation know the wonder of your love and joy.

And may good tidings fill our hearts, enliven our hearts this holy night.

In joy and hope, we humbly pray, Amen.