

First Mennonite Church

Christmas Eve, 2009

Prelude—Jan Reimer

Call to Worship

Hymn #212 “O come, all ye faithful”

Lighting of the Christ Candle

L: Light looked down and saw darkness.

P: “I will go there,” said Light.

L: Peace looked down and saw war.

P: “I will go there,” said Peace.

L: Love looked down and saw hatred.

P: “I will go there,” said Love.

L: So the Lord of Light, the Prince of Peace,
the King of Love came down
and crept in beside us.

Hymn #191 “O little town of Bethlehem”

Prayer of the People

Hymn #194 “Away in a Manger”

Reading—“Shining” by Marianne Williamson; Bev Claassen

Solo—Mary Penner Lovci

Reading—Quote from “It was on Fire when I Lay Down On It”

by Robert Fulgham; Dee Riesen

Hymn #201 “Hark! the herald angels sing”

DRAMA: FACES AROUND THE MANGER by Kenneth Nolin

Produced by special arrangement with Contemporary Drama Service

Gabriel—Chris Riesen **Mary**--Katie Jantzen

Joseph—Joel Jantzen **Inkeeper’s Wife**—Karen Jantzen

Shepherds—Justin Kyser, Gayland Regier

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