**A Service of Lessons and Carols Worship**

**Assembly Mennonite Church**

**December 30, 2018**

Prelude

Welcome

It came upon a midnight clear

 Please join in on verse 5 HWB #195

Prayer

**Lesson #1** *and God said, let there be light*

Genesis 1:1-5, 14-18

HWB # 46 I sing the mighty power of God

**Lesson #2** *creation praises God*

Psalm 148

SS #122 Let all creation dance

**Lesson #3** *the people who walk in darkness have seen a great light*

Isaiah 11: 1-9

HWB #198 Let our gladness have no end

**Lesson #4** *Mary visits Elizabeth*

Luke 1: 39-56

HWB #178 Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Children’s Time

 Away in a manger

 He came down

**Lesson #5** *the birth of Jesus*

Luke 2: 1-7

 The Friendly Beasts

Offering- Silent Night

**Lesson #6** *the Maji follow a star*

Matthew 2: 1-11

SS #32 Oh, beautiful star of Bethlehem

**Lesson #7** *imitating God’s humility*

Philippians 2: 1-11

SS #26 Helpless and hungry + HWB 215 What child is this

**Lesson #8** *the Word became flesh*

John 1: 1-14

 Solemn Stillness, Weary Streets

Pastoral Prayer

**Lesson #9** *God has spoken by a Son*

Hebrews 1: 1-12

HWB #117 Fairest Lord Jesus

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