

Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church

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Christmas Day Worship Service

December 25, 2020

***Seeing Christmas Through the Eyes of Those Who
Were Part of the First Christmas***

Prelude

Call to Worship, Announcements, Prayer – Pastor Victor Engbrecht

Worship in Song – Men’s Quartet

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Silent Night, Holy Night

Advent Feature – Art & Helen Klassen

Music Ministry – Pastor Victor Engbrecht

What Child is This

Children’s Story – Val Dyck, Eileen Engbrecht, Judy Unrau

Scripture Reading – Nick Friesen

Luke 2:1 - 7

Message – Pastor Dean Huber

Christmas Through the Eyes of Shepherds

Luke 2:8 - 20

Worship in Song – Men’s Quartet

O Du Fröliche

Benediction – Pastor Dean Huber

Postlude

Stay Connected: Our Christmas Day worship service/message is available on You Tube, on our website (www.wbmc.ca), on Cable TV (Christmas Day), as well as, on DVD and CD from the church office.

“Loving God, Loving Each Other, and Loving Our Community”

Sound: John Penner

Video: Peter Froese

Quotes for the Christmas

The shepherds were the first to come to Jesus in fear and wonder and praise. The Scriptures say that they came in fear but it was not the fear men fear of impending destruction. It wasn't the fear that superstitious people feel for black cats on Friday. It was a godly fear, the fear that heals the heart. It was a wholesome, healing, reverential fear and wonder. **And these shepherds who came set the mood for all that will come through all the years.**

Tozer, A. W., & Snyder, J. L. (1997). Tozer on worship and entertainment: selected excerpts (p. 84). Camp Hill, Pa.: WingSpread.

As I sat there, I began to let my imagination roam freely. I thought, 'Imagine what it was like that night when, like hundreds of nights before, **the shepherds** were performing the tedious task of night sentries. With absolutely no warning, the sky suddenly became brighter than noon.' All was quiet and then suddenly an angel appeared, and accompanying the angel was this overwhelming display of the glory of God, shining, radiating, penetrating the air all around them. Their immediate response was abject terror.

Sproul, R. C. (2005). The Unexpected Jesus: The Truth Behind His Biblical Names (p. 66). Fearn, UK: Christian Focus Publications.

To the Congregation at

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4 But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, 5 to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. Gal. 4:4-5 (NIV84)

Timing is essential and when Jesus was born it was just at the right time. God already knew before he created man that one day he would fall from grace and that He would need to send a redeemer. Indeed, God did and he sent Jesus, just at the right time.

He came two thousand years ago, and although evil, and sin abounds, yet we can have a relationship with God through Jesus Christ. If God sent His Son just at the right time, then he will answer your prayers, according to His will, at the right time. So, our prayer for you this Christmas is that you will remain faithful in prayer, with your needs before Him, and He will answer them at just the right time.

Wishing you a blessed
Christmas.
From the WBMC Staff,

Edwin & Debbie Simons
Victor & Eileen Egbrecht
Diana & Carol
Klassen
Debra & Cheryl Klassen
Harold Cipriano
Teresa