Stephens City Mennonite Church
Invites You to Celebrate the Lord's Presence
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9:30 am Sunday School Worship 10:30 am
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God showed up in our world in the least expected way, in the form of an infant. This is how God comes, what God's awesome deeds look like - a small shoot springing up and changing everything. Christ has come, and the world is being transformed. So let's celebrate!

Gathering song: NCH 546 Angels from the realms of glory
Welcome
Call to Worship
Prayer
Worship in song: HWB 201, HWB 209, HWB 189
Offering
Finders: We waited. We watched. We thought we knew why...
Yet we are surprised by God's trust:
Who else would risk sending Jesus into this uncertain world
not as a military commander or a king,
but as a newborn?
Thanks, thanks be to God!

All: And we are surprised by God's tenderness
Who else would welcome open-armed
all children, whether by birth or adoption,
to join in the same body?
Thanks, thanks be to God!!

Liturgical dance to "Joy to the World"
Psalm 148
Children's story followed by STJ 31
Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3
Worship in song: NCH 531, STS 26 & HWB 21
Luke 2:22-40
Worship in song: HWB 191, HWB 206, HWB 193

Prayer of confession
Announcements
Sending song & blessing NCH 550

Worship Leader: Aldine Musser Sound: Craig Kleman
Song Leader: Joan Kulp Pianist: Beth Whitney
Greeter: Velma Horst Usher: John Lazer
Children's Church: Joanne Next Week:

Meetings and Opportunities for Service

January
1 - No Sunday School - Breakfast at 9:30 a.m.
8 - Ekklesia
9 - Service and Witness Commission Meeting at 7:00pm
16 - Worship Commission meeting at 7:00pm
22 - Communion

If you are a guest you are invited to fill out the welcome brochure given to you by the greeter and place it in the offering plate. If you wish to learn more about our congregation and church membership, you may speak with the pastor following worship or call the church office at 869-5037. In the bulletin if you see HWB - that is the blue hymn book, NCH - is the brown hymn book, STJ - The green supplement, STS is the purple supplement.

Next Sunday: Epiphany - Embracing a wide Body - Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12; Ephesians 3:1-12

The Worship Commission continues to seek pianists and sound system operators for services.

January 1 - No Sunday School - Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Please bring something to share.

Please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices during Sunday School & worship.

Last week Offering: Worship service: $ Over/ Under Budget: (+$)
Sunday School: $
Attendance: Worship service: 44
Sunday School: 21