

# Stone Church of the Brethren

December 29, 2024

## Words for the Beginning: Don't Forget to Laugh

*"Joy is for everyone, regardless of their status or position."  
- Kayla Craig*

WELCOME Jim Tuten

PRELUDE *"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"* John Carter  
Keith Sutton

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Jim Tuten

One: Friends, hear the Good News:

**All: God is in our joy.**

One: God is in this room.

**All: We have reason to celebrate.**

One: We have a reason to sing.

**All: Thanks be to God for the bright hope of this day!**

\*SONG *O Come, All Ye Faithful*<sup>^</sup> 212 vs. 1,3,4

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Gail Naylor

INSTRUMENTAL RESPONSE *Silent Night*<sup>^</sup> Gruber/Mohr  
Elsie, Rebecca Weld and Terry Murray

LISTENING FOR JOY *Luke 2:1-20* Nina Meadows  
Re-imagined by Anna Strickland

SONG *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*<sup>^</sup> 201

PRACTICING JOY *Time with Children* Matt Rohrbaugh

\*SONG *Go tell it on the Mountain*<sup>^^</sup> African-American Spiritual

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold throughout the heavens, there shone a holy light.

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! Above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,  
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

LISTENING FOR JOY *Matthew 2:1-10* Tara Yorke

\*PRACTICING JOY *Greeting one another* Jim Tuten

\*SONG *We Three Kings*<sup>^^</sup> Supplement 1045 vs 1,5

LISTENING FOR JOY *Psalms 126* Gail Naylor

\*SONG *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*<sup>^</sup> 195 vs. 1,2,4

PRACTICING JOY *Praying Together as a Community* Jim Tuten

Song *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*<sup>^</sup> 210

LISTENING FOR JOY	<i>Holy and Unhindered</i> by Sarah Are Speed	Karin Tome
*SONG	<i>Joy to the World</i> <sup>^</sup>	318 vs. 1,2,4
*BENEDICTION		Jim Tuten
POSTLUDE	<i>"Good King Wenceslas"</i> Keith Sutton	Stephen Otis

\*Please Rise, as Able, in Body or Spirit  
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A special thanks to Joanne Laabs for creating this week's square for the worship center. You can find an explanation of each week's square in your pew. The hanging mosaic was created at a Stone Church Retreat by some of the artists sitting around you!



*Lisle*

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**Let All Creation Dance**  
by Lisle Gwynn Garrity