

# SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

December 26, 2021

10:30 AM

## Welcome

**Call to Worship** (adapted from Psalm 148)

**Leader: Alleluia! Praise Yahweh from the heavens!**

**Praise God in the heights. Praise God, sun and moon.**

People: Praise God, all you shining stars! Praise God from the earth, sea creatures and ocean depths, lightning and hail,

People: snow and mist. Sing praise to God, mountains and hills. fruit trees and cedars.

People: small animals and flying birds. Let them praise God's name. Let all creation praise the name of Yahweh, whose name alone is exalted.

People: Praise God's name!

**All: Alleluia!**

## Lighting Of the Advent Candles

**Leader: We light the Christ candle and we welcome new life.**

People: Hurry, hurry, sing the glory! Imagine that . . . we are God's wonders, blessed wonders.

## Opening songs-

Holy, Holy, Holy!

There is a Redeemer

## Words of Confession and Assurance

## Offertory Prayer

Children's Time- Isaac Tice

## Sharing of Joys and Concerns



## Scripture – Luke 2:41-52

<sup>41</sup> Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. <sup>42</sup> When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. <sup>43</sup> After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. <sup>44</sup> Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup> When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. <sup>46</sup> After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup> When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you."

<sup>49</sup> "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup> But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>51</sup> Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup> And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

**Message** – "Now, Where Did That Kid Go?"

## Visual Song of Response

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v5mdybeyLVc>

## Benediction

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C3TUWU\\_yg4s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C3TUWU_yg4s)



**Worship Leader:** N/A

**Message:** John Verburg

**Accompanist:** Byron Miller

**Sound Room:** Jerry Abel

**Song Leader:** Molly Piwonka

**Video:** Reuben Tice

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**Springs Mennonite Church is Handicap Accessible**

A restroom and elevator are available on the main floor. There is also a restroom located downstairs in the basement. There are also large print song books and hearing devices; please ask an usher for assistance with these items.

**AED (Automated External Defibrillator)** is located at the back of the church near the elevator.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**December 30-** Naomi Tice

**December 31-** Tricia Kipp

**Calendar of Events**

**January 2-** Carol Singing Service

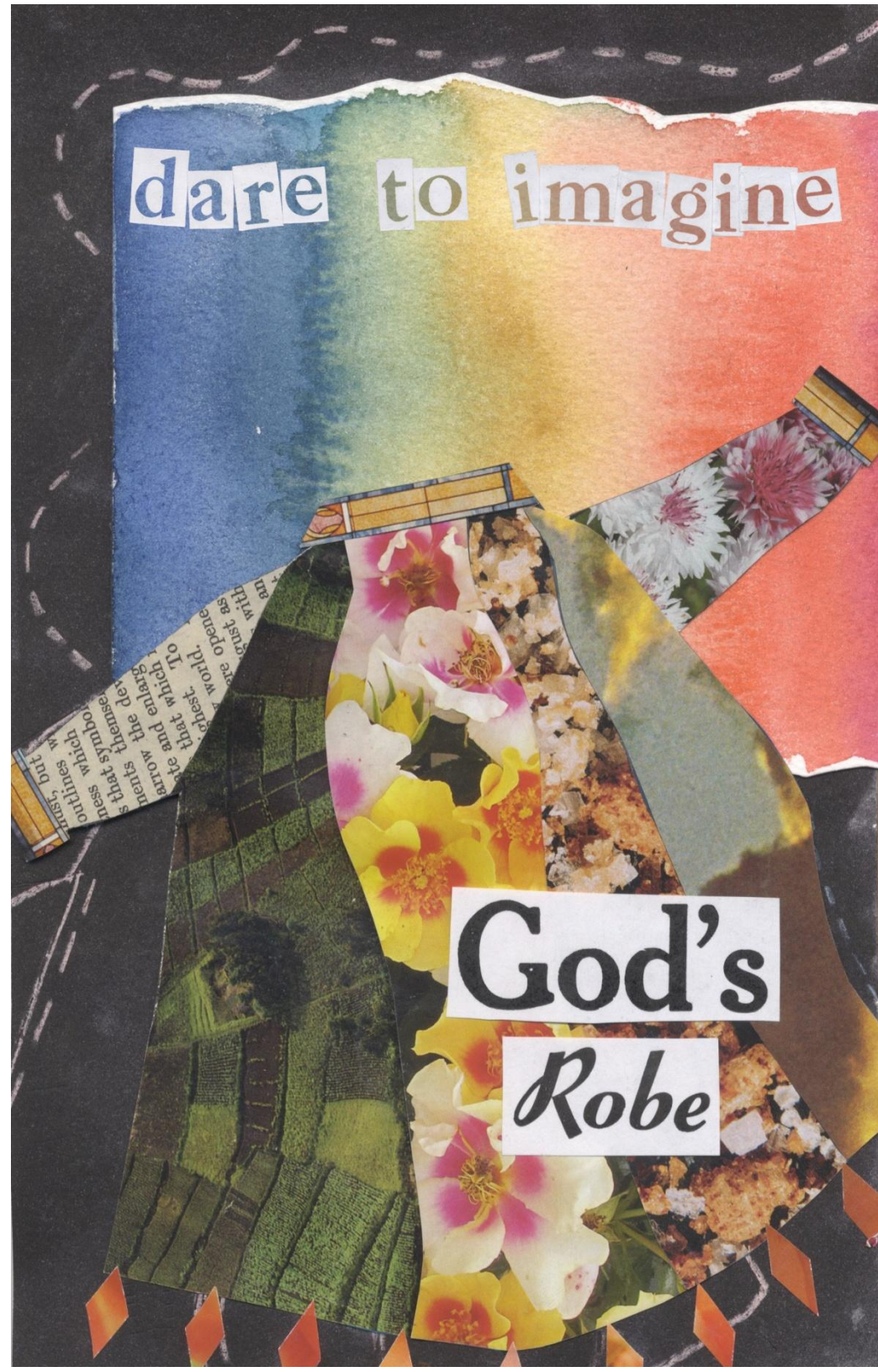
**January 4-** Daughters of Dorcas, 9:30 AM-3:30 PM  
Council Meeting, 7:00 PM

**January 5-** Daughters of Dorcas, 9:30-3:30 PM

**January 10-** Worship/Music Committee

**January 12-** Elders' Meeting- 6:30 PM

**January 21-** Kids Night, 5:00-7:00 PM



*We extend our heartfelt Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Miriam "Mim" Coughenour who passed away on Sunday, December 19th.*

***New Baby Joy! Welcome, Eli Steven Clark, born November 29th! Blessings to Eli and his family: Holly, Jamie, Landon and Kinsley.***

Thank you to everyone who ordered poinsettias. They greatly enhanced our Advent and Christmas displays. Feel free to take your poinsettia, or leave it as long as you wish. There are sleeves on the front pew to protect it from the cold.

***The following are the addresses for the family of Mike Yoder who passed away unexpectedly last week.***

***His mother: Joy & Dennis Pressman  
204 Sunnybrook Ct  
Bethel Park, PA 15102***

***Mike's boys are staying with Joy & Dennis and their names are Even and Nathan.***

***Mike's sister: Cindy Klass  
10090 Hillsdale Drive N  
Huntington, PA 15642***

***Please consider sending cards to let Mike's family know you care.***

*Thank you all for your sending Faith and I Christmas cheer through cards. -John*

***We will be having a Christmas Carol Service on January 2, 2022. If you have a Christmas Carol you would like to sing please send your request to Phoebe.***

*The Elders would like to resurrect the Mentor Program at the church in early 2022. If you would like to be a mentor please let an Elder know. We have several young individuals interested in having a mentor.*

**The office will be closed on Friday, December 31. If you have any announcements for the bulletin, please have them in no later than Thursday, December 30th.**

## **Church Prayer & Praise** **Prayers for Family and Friends**

Rich Yoder, Renee Jones, Mary Lou Jordan, David Otto, Barbara Bruehl, Deb Kolb, Edgar Rembold, Phyllis Maust, John & Faith Verburg, Brett Twigg & Family, Rachel Rohrer, Audrey Kinsinger, Esther (Pat) Miller, Gary Bowser, Rayetta Brant, Dave & Janice Ewing, Linda Gindlesperger

### **Those in Missions**

Phoebe Wiley- Prison Ministry  
Naomi Tice- Bammental, Germany

### **Those in Nursing Homes & Rehabilitation Centers**

Olen Rembold, Shirley Brandes, Audrey Kinsinger, Fannie Beachy, Mabel Beiler, Rayetta Brant, Betty Miller, Shirley Teets

### **Prayers for School Staff & Students**

Aaron Beiler, Beth Miller, Jamie Clark, Holly Clark, Andrew Durst, Melissa Durst, Beth Green, Pat Haglund, Kim Miller, Ryan Miller, Carrie Sines, Adrienne Vogt, Phoebe Wiley, John Wright

### **Springs Mennonite Church Vision Statement**

*We, the Springs congregation, have been changed by Jesus Christ. Saved by His love and forgiveness, we are empowered to carry forth His ministry through obedience, teaching, service, and healing. Reaching out to all people, by faith we journey together praying, worshiping, and making disciples. By our living in the Spirit, we reflect His love, joy, hope, and peace.*

### **December 19, 2021 Totals**

<b>General Offering</b>	<b>\$7,862.00</b>
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>82</b>