

How Far is it to Bethlehem?



Luke 2:15b

Creekside Church of the Brethren

December 3, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Rosanna

READING & CANDLELIGHTING:

Advent 1, Joseph

*CALL TO WORSHIP: *on screen*

Steve Barton

*OPENING SONG: handout

"While we are waiting, come"

*OPENING PRAYER: *on screen*

CHILDREN'S STORY

Lodema Hoke

(Sing *"How far is it to Bethlehem?"* as children come forward.)

OUTREACH SHARING

JOYS & CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER: 191 blue

"O little town of Bethlehem"

MORNING PRAYER

SONG: handout

"Messiah"

SCRIPTURE READING:

Matthew 1:18-25

MESSAGE: *"Emmanuel"*

Pastor Rosanna

SERVICE OF ANOINTING

Anyone wishing to be anointed should come forward during the singing of the hymn. You may stand or be seated in the front row.

SONG: 195 blue

"It came upon a midnight clear"

*BENEDICTION

*Please stand as you are able

CREEKSIDE SHARING:

- Thank you to everyone who helped with the Cookie Walk! Special thanks to Diane Lund for all her baking and planning.
- Creekside kids have helped us to experience Bethlehem in our Advent worship. Bethlehem Balcony Project artists were Maddison, Zane, Miles, Daniel, Jacob, Benjamin, Eloise, Barrett, and Letty.
- You're invited to participate in a Love Offering over and above regular giving to Creekside. Half will go to local outreach, and half to international outreach. Love Offering donations as of today are \$1,350. Followers of Faith will match donations up to \$3,000.
- Thanks for your donations for the Creekside nursery!
- Pastor Rosanna is organizing a choir for Advent and Christmas Eve. See details in the December Connection. Anthems are out in the Worship Storage Room.
- We are looking for photos of nativity sets which you put out in your home or apartment. Please send photos to creeksidecob@gmail.com no later than Dec. 17. See Pastor Rosanna if you need help taking a photo.

COMING UP:

- **Saturday, Dec. 9, 6:00 pm:** Family Movie Night. Come for a craft, snack, and Christmas movie. All ages welcome!