

How Far is it to Bethlehem?



## Creekside Church of the Brethren

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

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### PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Rosanna

READING & CANDLELIGHTING:

*Advent 2, Mary*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP: *on screen*

Deb Kauffman

\*OPENING SONG: 13 Sing the Journey

*"My soul is filled with joy"*

\*OPENING PRAYER: *on screen*

CHILDREN'S STORY

Becky Miller

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

### OUTREACH SHARING

CHOIR ANTHEM:

*"My Heart, Your Bethlehem"* Gaines/Schram

JOYS & CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER: 54 Sing the Journey

*"Longing for light"*

MORNING PRAYER

SONG: 180 blue

*"The angel Gabriel"*

SCRIPTURE READING:

Luke 1:26-38

MESSAGE: *"Nothing is Impossible"*

Pastor Rosanna

\*CLOSING SONG: 211 blue

*"Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming"*

\*BENEDICTION

\*Please stand as you are able

### CREEKSIDE SHARING:

- 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 \$2,275. Followers of Faith will match donations up to \$3,000.
- Thanks for your donations for the Creekside nursery!
- We are looking for photos of nativity sets which you put out in your home or apartment. Please send photos to [creeksidecob@gmail.com](mailto:creeksidecob@gmail.com) no later than Dec. 17. See Pastor Rosanna if you need help taking a photo.

### COMING UP:

- **Tuesday, Dec. 12, 10:45 am:** Brunch at Angel's House of Pancakes in Goshen. Please RSVP each month to Roger Neal.
- **Sunday, Dec. 24, 9:30 am:** Worship in the Gathering Area. No Sunday School. This service will be livestreamed.
- **Sunday, Dec. 24, 7:00 pm:** Christmas Eve service. This service will include carols, communion, and candlelighting. Family, friends, and neighbors are welcome! This service will be livestreamed.
- **Sunday, Dec. 31:** Worship in the Gathering Area. No Sunday School. This service will not be livestreamed.