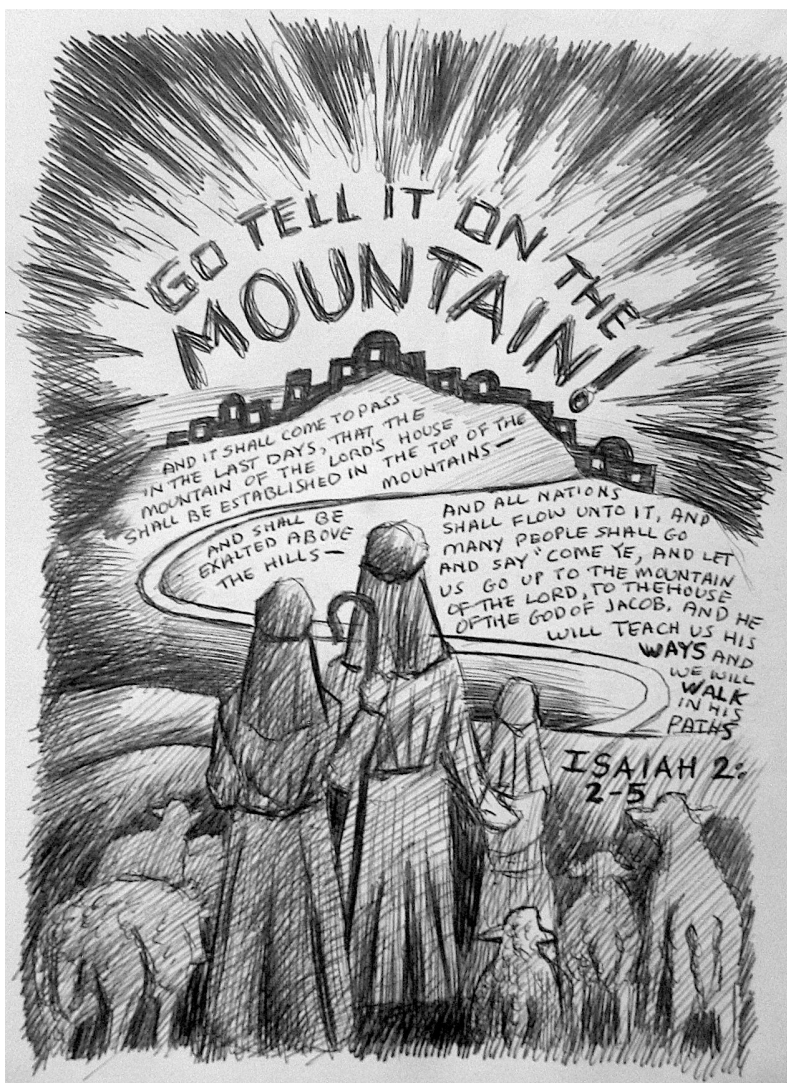


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Our Mission: To be a healing community of believers passionately committed to Jesus as Lord through worship, nurture, and outreach.
Every member a minister!

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Welcome! We are glad you are here!

8:30 a.m. Pre-service Prayer Time (conference room #201)

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

Prelude

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Welcome and Call to Worship: Pastor Tom Eshleman

Gathering Song: O Come, All Ye Faithful (#145 Red Hymnal)

Worship by sharing our tithes and offerings: Program Fund

What Child Is This? (#137 Red Hymnal)

Testimonies by Three Wise Women:

- Joyce Shenk

Angels, from the Realms of Glory (#131 Red Hymnal)

- Linda Myers

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (#133 Red Hymnal)

- Kayley Eshleman

Joy to the World (#125 Red Hymnal)

Epiphany poem by Rick and Ruthie Umble

Sending song: Go Tell it on the Mountain (#138 Red Hymnal)

Benediction

This week's bulletin cover was designed by David Moore.



Serving Today:

Greeters - Glenn and Helen Hershey
Ushers - Jim and Glenda Evans
Projectionist - Diane Weaver
Sound Technician - Colin Nolt

Bring these situations to God in prayer:

- ◆ Those experiencing depression and grief during this season.
- ◆ The family of John Jacob Oberholtzer as they prepare for his memorial service on Saturday, January 11 at Landis Homes.
- ◆ Kayley Eshleman as she flies to San Pedro Sula, Honduras on January 2 and then begins her team outreach in Trujillo, Honduras.
- ◆ Becki in the Middle East.
- ◆ Give thanks to God for the safe return of Angelica Prins from her visit to family in Paraguay.
- ◆ Andres Prins as he preaches this morning at Rohrerstown Mennonite Church.
- ◆ Our Children's Ministry Team as they meet next Monday, January 6.
- ◆ Our youth as they anticipate the Camp Hebron retreat the weekend of January 10-12.
- ◆ Our congregation as we prepare to share communion together next Sunday, January 5.



Events This Week

Tuesday: **Youth Group New Year's Eve Lock-in, 4:30 p.m.**
at the church

Sunday: **8:30 a.m. prayer**—all are welcome

Next Sunday, January 5, 2020

Prelude/Offertory: Joe Jaskolka	Sound technician: Dean Myers
Worship Leader: Andres Prins	Offering: Groffdale Missionaries/
Praise Music: Great Hymns of our faith!	EMM/Mennonite Disaster Service/
Hymns: Keith Stoltzfus	Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society
Sermon: Pastor Tom Eshleman	Greeters: Charles and Fern Bauman
Projectionist: Madison Myers	Ushers: Elmer and Minerva Nolt

COMMUNION—January 5, 2020



We look forward to beginning the New Year by sharing in the Lord's Supper on Sunday, January 5! Let's prayerfully anticipate Communion together!

"First Things First"

Next Sunday, January 5 we begin a New Year's sermon series on scriptures that encourage us to set priorities, as seen in the use of the word "first." On the first Sunday of the new year, January 5, we will look at the story of the Magi alongside the words of Jesus to "seek first the kingdom of God." On Sunday, January 12 we will explore "Seek God's wisdom" from James 3:17.

(With acknowledgments to Ervin Stutzman 2010)

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