FIRST DEAF

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December 12, 2021

FIRST DEAF / WITMER HEIGHTS COMBINED WORSHIP

10:00 Worship Service/Christmas Program

First Deaf is in charge of the Christmas program today. We welcome you to worship with us.

For God so loved the world that He gave the greatest Christmas gift: His Son. Jesus said to His Father, "As You sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world" (John 17:18). We receive the gift of Christ then pour out the life of Christ in the world. The Christ-child in the manger is the model, motive, and might of missions. We invite you to see how Christ is moving among the nations in the Deaf world. May your delight in the gift of Christ spill over to the ends of the earth.

Prelude Donovan Stoltzfus Introduction Henry Deller, Director

Manger & Missions song: "Hark!The Herald Angels Sing," Verse 1

Deb Hoffer, Jan Mast, Tricia Stoltzfus, Shelby Swartley

Manger & Missions text: Psalm 67:3-4 Nancy Marshall Manger & Missions text: Luke 2:10 **Bradley Martin**

Missions Moment: Bethlehem Deaf Church: West Bank, Palestine Manger & Missions song, ASL choir (no congregational singing): \

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

Kirsten Kauffman, Milo Miller, Sky Miller, Joanna Stoltzfus

Manger & Missions text: Isaiah 49:6 Nancy Marshall **Bradley Martin** Manger & Missions text: Matthew 2:2

Missions Moment: Deaf Church; Oradea, Romania

Manger & Missions song: "I Am His Servant" Bobbi Caley

Missions Moment: Deaf Church; eSwatini

Manger & Missions text: Isaiah 52:10 Nancy Marshall Manger & Missions text: Luke 2:18 **Bradley Martin**

Missions Moment: Deaf Church; Copenhagen, Denmark

Manger & Missions song: "Silent Night / Silent Morn" Jeff & Jan Hoffer

Missions Moment: Baptist Church for the Deaf; Budapest, Hungary

Manger & Missions text: Psalm 95:6 Nancy Marshall Manger & Missions text: John 1:46 **Bradley Martin**

Missions Moment: Jesus Deaf Church; Orange Walk, Belize

Manger & Missions text: Isaiah 52:10 Nancy Marshall Manger & Missions text: Matthew 28:19 **Bradley Martin**

Manger & Missions song: "Joy to the World," Verses 1 & 4

Deb Hoffer, Jan Mast, Tricia Stoltzfus, Shelby Swartley

Closing Prayer & Benediction Chuck Snyder, Pastor of First Deaf

Advent meditation December 12:

Advent Theme: Dare to Imagine! God singing over us.

Focus Statement: Singing together causes great joy and jubilation. But, even more, our hearts exult and swell as we imagine God singing over us.

> Advent – for your own devotional reading: Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18

First Deaf Church Life Activities Calendar

Dec. 15 – Bible study on zoom at 7:00 pm. Zoom will open at 6:30.

Dec. 19 – S.S. hour at 10:45 am.

Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

Dec. 14 – Prayer meeting in church fellowship hall – 8:30-9:30 am.

Dec. 19 – Jr. Youth will meet. Details later. Jan. 7-9 – Jr. Youth Retreat at Camp Hebron.

April 4, 2022 - Volunteer Day at MCC Resource Center

OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE – December 5

Offerings/General Fund

Witmer Heights \$5,799.00

First Deaf

\$ 225/00

Attendance/Worship First Deaf - 15

Witmer Heights – 64

- ~From Pastor Steve: Next Sunday, December 19 our worship time will center on daring to imagine 2 intertwinging themes from advent 3 and 4: God's song over us in love and rejoicing in God's face which comes down and shines on us in Jesus. Scriptures for the week: Micah 5: 2-5a; Psalm 80: 1-7; Hebrews 10: 5-10; Luke 1: 39-55;
- ~See prayer requests and other announcements in Menno Bulletin.