

# ***Emmaus Road Mennonite Fellowship***

*January 5, 2014*

## ***Epiphany***

*O, the mystery of God's dwelling. . .*

*. . .in diversity!"*

*In God's mysterious ways, outsiders become insiders, strangers become brothers and sisters, and enemies become friends. So let us welcome all who come to the dawning from on high, that the house of the Lord may be established—**there is light!***

*Pianist*

*Anita*

*Greeter/Usher*

*Daryl*

### ***Inviting the Mystery***

*Opening Words*

*Bobby*

#### *\*Call to Worship*

*L: Come as fellow heirs of the living God!*

***P: Let us awake to the marvel that in Christ we are one.***

*L: Oh, the mystery of God's dwelling in our diversity!*

***P: Our hearts thrill and rejoice***

***All: as we open wide the house of the Lord!***

#### *\*Hymn*

*"As With Gladness"*

*HWB #218*

*(vs 1-3)*

#### *\*The Peace*

*Leader: God makes peace within us. Let us claim it.*

*God makes peace between us. Let us share it.*

*Let us greet one another as a sign of God's peace.*

*The peace of God is here to stay.*

*All: Thanks be to God.*

*Prayers*

*Anita*

## ***Engaging the Mystery***

*Scripture*

*Isaiah 60: 1-6*

*Blake*

*Confession and enjoying the light of the Advent wreath. . .*

*L: Lift up your eyes and look. There is no partiality in Christ. How might we let all people in on the mystery? . .*

*Let us confess our unwillingness to share Christ with those of other nations, tribes, races, families, social classes, and denominations. . . .*

*The Advent wreath reminds us that our light has come.*

***P: In this light, we celebrate forgiveness: the glory of the Lord has risen upon us!***

*Interlude*

*“Slowly Turning”*

*STJ #23*

*Scripture*

*Matthew 2:1-12*

*Alex*

## ***Celebrating the Mystery***

*Sermon*

*“Arise, Shine!”*

*Anita*

*Offering*

*ERMF Fellowship Fund*

*Call to Communion*

*Anita, Bobby & Lyndsey*

*\*Sending Words*

*Bobby*

*\*Closing Hymn*

*HWB #222*

*“How Brightly Beams” vs3*