

# Elmira Mennonite Church

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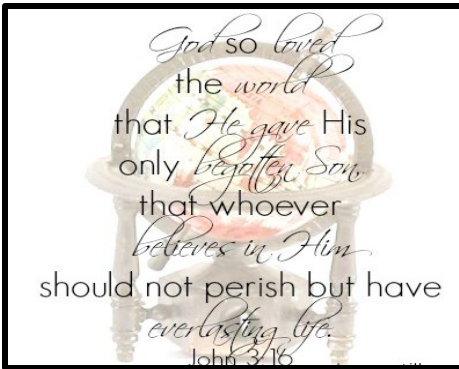
January 4, 2026

**Worship Service:** prelude begins at 9:20 am; **worship** begins at 9:30 am.

**Note:** Hearing devices are available – please ask an usher.

**ALL AGES are welcome** in our worship service! Activity bags are in the foyer, and quiet activities are in the “AMEN Corner” behind the piano.

**Fellowship time** follows the service in the basement. All are welcome.



## Be Amazed Come and See

*Look at the nations and see!  
Be astonished! Be astounded!  
For work is being done in your days  
that you would not believe  
if you were told.  
(Habakkuk 1:5 NRSV)*

Prelude CD

### Gathering

Song *Arise, Your Light is Come* VT 273

Darla, Song Leader

Words of Welcome and Announcements Jeff, Worship Leader

Silent Reflection

Call to Worship (Based on John 1: 35-51)

Leader: The invitation has been spoken: “Come and see.”  
The door to a stable stands open. The way is before us.

**People: We heard the call. Now we step forward in wonder;  
ready to follow, open to the unexpected.**

Leader: “You will see greater things than these,” Jesus says.

**People: We stand in amazement, waiting to be changed.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the One who calls us by name,  
who sees us as we are and leads us into a new life.

All: We come, ready to follow, ready to see, ready to be amazed!

Opening Prayer

### Praising, Adoring, Thanking

Song *As With Gladness* VT 277

Scripture *John 1: 35-42*

## Confessing Sin & Receiving Assurance of Forgiveness

Prayer of Confession

Hymn of Assurance *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* VT 536

### Sharing Time

Congregational Prayer Pastor Kara

**Candle Lighting Litany** Susan

Leader: We celebrate as we reflect in amazement at what you have  
done. You muted the flames of our fears with hope.

**People: Glory to God in the highest! You amaze us!**

Leader: You resurrected the dry bones of our spirits with peace.

**People: Glory to God in the highest! You amaze us!**

Leader: You quenched our thirsty souls with living water of joy.

**Many: Glory to God in the highest! You amaze us!**

Leader: You came to be among us, to show us the way in love.

**People: Glory to God in the highest! You amaze us!**

Leader: You have called us to follow you and walk the path of mercy and  
grace.

**People: Glory to God in the highest! You amaze us!**

**All: Lead us forward so that we, too, may carry your Christ-light into  
the world!**

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Song *Come and See* VT 282

### Offering

Prayer

*Coin Collection in support of Karis Disability Services Family Camp*

Song *Grant Us, God, the Grace* (x3) VT 746

### Proclaiming God’s Word

Moments for the Young and the Young at Heart Rose

Song *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* VT 283

Scripture *John 1: 43-51*

Message *Seeking – Finding* Andy

Hymn of Response *Will You Come and Follow Me* (vs. 1,4,5) VT 540

### Blessing/Sending

Benediction Pastor Kara

**\*\*Livestreaming ends \*\***

Congregational Sharing and Prayer in Sanctuary

Sending Song *You Are Salt for the Earth* (vs. 1,4) VT 297

## *Future Glimpses*

### **Sunday, January 11**

**9:30 am** Pastor Kara preaching – Wedding at Cana

**11 am** Faith Formation for all ages.

**12 pm** **Sr. Youth Soup Lunch** fundraiser in support of the 4-church Sr Youth Winter Retreat at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp (Feb. 20-22).

## *EMC Happenings*

Sun., Jan. 4 Epiphany Sunday	Worship Service in-person & live-streamed (9:30 am)
Tues., Jan. 6	Mid-week Hymn sing (10 am; MPR) & Soup Lunch
	Small Group (12 pm; BR)
	Pastor Kara leads chapel @ AgeCare (2:15 pm) & Barnswallow Place (3:15 pm)
	Gift Discernment Team (1 pm; BR)
	Children's choir (6:30 pm; 1C)
Wed., Jan. 7	Pastoral Care Team (7 pm; BR)
Thurs., Jan. 8	Private booking (1:45 pm; 1C)
	Small Group (7:30 pm)
Fri., Jan. 9	Small group (9:30 am; BR)

## *4-Church Youth Events*

Feb. 20-22	Sr. Youth Winter Retreat (Silver Lake Mennonite Camp)
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