

**ELIZABETHTOWN CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**  
**January 5, 2025, 10:30 a.m.**

Gathering Music *Die Forelle (The Trout), by F. Schubert*

Welcome

Moment for Meditation *excerpt from Carmen, by G. Bizet*

\*Call to Worship and Invocation Prayer

\*Hymn ***Comfort, Comfort, O My People, #176***

Children's Time

Commissioning for 2025 Church Leadership Group

Scripture *Matthew 2:1-12*

Sermon *"The road isn't straight," Naomi Kraenbring*

\*Hymn ***We Three Kings, #1045***

Morning Prayer Time

Response Song *Woyaya*

Offering Reflection

Offertory *The Star and The Wisemen, by Chas. H. Gabriel*

\*Hymn ***O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem***  
see page 3 and 4

\*Benediction

Sending Music

*\*Please rise as able*

**Worship Leadership:** Damon and Sue Wagner Fields

**Ensemble:** Jeff Eisenbise, Damon Wagner Fields, Gerry Baer,  
Jim Hollinger, Jim Beckwith, Pat Gerlach, Micah Bidgood-Enders,  
Karen Ungemach, JulieAnn Keith, Sandy Brubaker

**Musicians:** Ben Detrick, violin; Yoanna Kotlyarova, piano; Alex Heinz, percussion

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Welcome, families! Nursery care is available for children up to age 2, and our Shine program cares for children ages 3 through pre-K. Kids' Club, for grades K-3, exits the sanctuary after Children's Time until the end of the worship service.

# O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem

BEAUTIFUL STAR OF BETHLEHEM 9.8.10.9.8.10 with refrain

G C

1 O beau-ti-ful star of Beth-le-hem, shi-ning a - far through shad-ows  
 2 O beau-ti-ful star, the hope of light, guid-ing the pil-grim through the  
 3 O beau-ti-ful star, the hope of rest for the re-deemed, the good, and

G Em D A/E D/F#

dim, giv-ing a light for those who long have gone, (have gone,)  
 night, o - ver the moun-tain till the break of dawn; (the dawn;)  
 blest, yon-der in glo - ry when the crown is won; (is won;)

G C

and guid-ing the trav-'lers on their way un - to the place where Je - sus  
 and in - to the light of per - fect day it will give out a love - ly  
 for Je - sus is now that Star di - vine; bright-er and bright - er he will

G A7/E D7 G C G

lay; beau-ti - ful star of Beth - le - hem, shine on. (shine on.)  
 ray; beau-ti - ful star of Beth - le - hem, shine on. (shine on.)  
 shine; beau-ti - ful star of Beth - le - hem, shine on. (shine on.)

Refrain

O beau-ti - ful star D G of Beth - le - hem, C

Beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful star, star of Beth - le -

G shine up - on us un - til the glo - ry Em D A/E D/F# dawn;

hem, shine up - on us un - til the glo - ry, glo - ry dawn;

G oh, give us your light to light the way in - to the land of per - fect

day; beau - ti - ful star of Beth - le - hem, shine on. (shine on.)

G A7/E D7 G C G

day; beau - ti - ful star of Beth - le - hem, shine on. (shine on.)

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