



Hope Mennonite Church
9:30 A.M. Worship
January 7, 2018
Epiphany

“The midwives feared God. They did not do as the King of Egypt had commanded them.” Exodus 1:18

Gathering to Worship

*As we gather for worship, please silence all electronic devices.
Hearing assistance devices are available from the ushers.*

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship: Friendly Seekers

Now after Jesus had been born in Bethlehem of Judea, during the days of King Herod, wise men from the East arrived in Jerusalem. They asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star at its rising and have come to worship him.”

When King Herod heard this, he was frightened and all Jerusalem with him. So, he gathered together all the chief priests and scribes of the people and inquired of them, “Where is the Messiah to be born?” They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea. For thus it has been written by the prophet: ‘And you Bethlehem, land of Judah, by no means are you the least significant among the rulers of Judah. For from you will come forth a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’”

Then Herod called secretly for the wise men, and ascertained from them the time when the star had appeared. And he sent them out to Bethlehem. Herod told them, “Go make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me so that I may come also and worship him.”

When the wise men heard what King Herod said, they set out. And behold, the star which they had seen at its rising kept leading them until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. And when the wise men saw the star they were overwhelmed with joy.

When they had entered the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary. Then bowing down, they worshiped him. And they opened their treasure chests and presented gifts to him: Gold, frankincense and myrrh. Then, having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they withdrew to their own country by another way.

Opening Prayer

* Songs of Gathering

“Joy to the world”

Hymnal 318

“Christ, whose glory fills the skies”

Hymnal 216

Hearing God’s Word

Parent & Child Dedication

“Let the children come to me”

Sing the Story 47

Congregational affirmation

Logan Marie, we praise God for you. Justin & Tiffany, we are grateful for your commitment as parents. As others have encouraged us in our faith journey, so we will encourage you. We commit to partnering with you in the Christian nurture of Logan. Our prayers will be with you and for you. May our shared life and witness help make your task both joyful and fruitful.

Scripture

Exodus 1:8-2:10

“Infant holy, infant lowly”

Hymnal 206

Message

“Wise Men & Subversive Women”

Dave Stevens

Responding to God’s Word

*“Lo, how a Rose e’er blooming”

Hymnal 211

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings (First Fruits Sunday)

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Greeting Our Guests (*Please pass the welcome pads*)

Seeing & Seeking God

Work of the Church

Sharing our Praises & Prayers

Prayer of Intention

Mark Bartel & Patty Neufeldt

“First-footing” Prayer for the New Year (a Celtic Christian practice)
“Gloria Patria” Hymnal 127

Sending

* “Jesus, friend so kind and gentle”

Hymnal 621

*Benediction

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* *Please stand as you are able.*

Welcome to Hope Mennonite Church. We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today as we celebrate Epiphany.

Worship Participants

Worship Leader: Renetta Gooden

Pianist: Vicki Howard

Song Leader: Mark Bartel

Scripture Reader: Charlene Grinsell

Upcoming Worship Events

January 14

Baptism Sunday

January 21

Singing Quakers-Friends University

February 4

Youth Sunday



MEETINGS THIS WEEK (January 7-13)

Tuesday -9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study
-7:00 p.m. Worship Commission

Wednesday -6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast
@Riverside Café West, 9129 W Central
-6:00 p.m. Hope Friends meal
-6:30 p.m. Middle & High School youth groups
-6:30 p.m. Choir



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Mike Mayta, Alex Epp

Next Sunday: Annette Chlumsky, Luke Bellar

January 21: Donna Heide, Isaac Epp



*Disciples Class (sanctuary) – “Inside the Disciples Studio.” You are invited to come and listen to Bethany Miller and Charlene Grinsell share their spiritual journey with us.

**Coffee next week: Galen & Cindy Fast

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Thursday -11:45 a.m. Reserved event

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Guests and visitors last Sunday: Aaron Howard

Today you are invited to a baby greeting for Logan Regehr, daughter of Justin & Tiffany, during our fellowship time.

The 2018 “Sharing our Hope” banner was designed and created by Kim Voth. Thank you!

Hope Friends meal this week: pizza, fruit tray, veggie tray, dessert

Dear Hope Family: Thank you for the beautiful bouquet in honor of Maxine. It has been beautiful for several weeks! Your prayers, support and friendship have been very important during this time. Galen, Cindy and Fast family

The January issue of “The Mennonite” is available on the literature table. This month’s issue focuses on the many faces of Mennonite education, from preschoolers to university presidents. Pick up your copy today.

The Worship Commission would like to invite the congregation to participate in our “Prayer of Intention” time during our Sunday morning services. Starting in January, people will be asked if they would like to participate. The prayer of intention is an opportunity for you to ask the congregation for prayer on a specific topic or issue that can be global, local or personal. It is something that is on your heart, or something that you believe God has brought to your attention.

As Mennonite Church USA, we’re embarking on our **Journey Forward** in this new year. We invite prayers that we may seek the beauty and hope of God's spirit drawing us into this community of faith. Let us continue joining our voices in song, in prayer, in fellowship—that even the mountains and the hills may join.

Prayers for the wider church:

...Pray for Western District Conference’s Israel-Palestine Relations Task Force, as they meet this week and discern ways to join God’s work of justice and peace-making.

...Akiko and Ray Epp and their four sons serve through Menno Village, an agricultural ministry of the Japanese Mennonite churches. They model creation care and justice in food systems.

...Today, Mission Network partner, DOOR, welcomes a group of college students to the Atlanta (Georgia) Discover program. Pray that staff and participants will encounter God in new ways during the coming week.

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Church Office Hours...

Dave Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Cynthia Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Kim Friday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Staff meeting Monday- 9:30-11 a.m.

Hope on Facebook – Follow the link on our website –
hopemennonite.org and “like” Hope Mennonite Church to see
pictures and receive updates on church life.

First Fruits Giving:

Giving the first and best of what we are given
as a worship response to God.

December 31

Attendance – 51

Offering - \$8,475

Year-to-date - \$233,057

Spending plan 2017 - \$227,309

Family Promise - \$250

Our Purpose:

As an Anabaptist community of faith empowered by the Holy Spirit, Hope Mennonite Church is calling and making disciples who bring Christ's love and peace to our world.