



Hope Mennonite Church
9:30 A.M. Worship
February 11, 2018

John proclaimed, "The one stronger than me is coming after me ... As for me, I have baptized you with water. But as for him, he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit" Mark 1:7-8.

Gathering to Worship

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

Prelude

Welcome

"In Meeting We Are Blessed"

Choir

Call to Worship

Based on Ephesians 2:17-22

Christ Jesus came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.

For through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.

So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens. Instead, you are fellow citizens with the saints.

We have become members of God's household, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.

In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord.

In him we too are being built together into a residence for God through the Spirit.

Prayer

* Songs of Gathering

"I owe the Lord a morning song"

Hymnal 651

"Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah"

Hymnal 50

Hearing God's Word

Scripture	Mark 1:1-8
"Thou true Vine, that heals"	Hymnal 373
Sermon "The Beginning that is only the Beginning"	Dave Stevens

Responding to God's Word

*"Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus"	Hymnal 340
The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings	
Offertory	
Prayer of Thanksgiving	
"For the Beauty of the Earth"	Choir
Greeting Our Guests (<i>Please pass the welcome pads</i>)	
Seeing & Seeking God	
Work of the Church	
Sharing our Praises & Prayers	
Prayer of Intention	Ruthie Goering
Prayers for God's People	

Sending

*"Go, my children"	Hymnal 433
*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.

Worship Participants

Worship Leader: Kendal Warkentine
Song Leader: Mark Bartel
Pianist: Amy Bellar
Scripture reader: Delaine Stolzle
Choir director: Braden Unruh
Djembe: Eldon Chlumsky

Stay in Touch with Hope

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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.

February 4

Attendance – 123

Offering - \$5,156

Year-to-date - \$29,519

Spending plan year-to-date -\$22,019

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.

Upcoming Worship Events

February 14	Ash Wednesday Service Come and Go 5:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.
February 18	First Sunday in Lent
February 25	Bel Canto Singers from Hesston College

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (February 11-17)

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 -5:30-7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday come & go (see announcement)



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Carole Stevens, Katrina Miller

Next Sunday: Jordon & Emily Regehr

February 25: Joan Stambaugh, Delaine Stolzle



Disciples Class (sanctuary) – Children of the Light: The Book of First Thessalonians. First Thessalonians is Paul's first letter and the earliest available writing from a Christian. We welcome you to bring a Bible and join us.

The class is led by Pastor Dave.

Covenant Class (library): "God Said It, I Believe It, That Settles It" and "Love the Sinner, Hate the Sin." They all capture some element of truth, yet they miss the point. Join us as we study Adam Hamilton's "Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say." The class is led by Kendal Warkentine.

**Coffee next week: Dave & Lori Miller

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (February 18-24)

Tuesday	-9:00 a.m. Women's Bible study
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 -6:45 p.m. Choir
Thursday	-7:00 p.m. Vision Council

Guests and visitors last Sunday: John Regier; Amanda Regehr; 18 family and friends for Youth Sunday

Hope Friends meal help: We need people to help with serving (5:45-6:30) and clean-up (6:45-7:30) for Hope Friends this spring. There are only 6 Hope Friends evenings left. Look for a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

If you are still interested in a Lenten devotional, there are 3 samples on the literature table. Help yourself.

The Ash Wednesday "Come and Go" Service will be held on this Wednesday, **February 14**. The sanctuary will be available 5:30-7:30 p.m. for a time of self-guided reflection. Prayer sheets will be provided as a resource. Worshipers may light a candle and place it on a large wooden cross. Deacons will also be present for the traditional imposition of ashes. All are welcome.

The Worship Commission would like to invite you to participate in our "Prayer of Intention" time in our worship service. This is an opportunity to ask the congregation for prayer on a specific topic or issue that can be global, local or personal.

The Western District Conference/South Central Conference Women's Spring Supper will be at 6 pm on Thursday, **March 15**, at Whitestone Mennonite Church, 629 Crescent Drive in Hesston, KS. Meal (Ham, potatoes & more) for \$10 by Whitestone Mennonite Youth with payment to them. Program at 7 pm with Joanna Gerber Pinkerton, daughter of Mennonite missionaries in the Belgian Congo, on *Faith in Every Day Life*. Music, *Sadie and the Larks*, from Hesston College. Offering for AIMM, Women's Literacy training in the Congo. Checks made to WDWM and memo line AIMM. Reservations due by March 8 to Marlene Faul, 316-283-3342 or westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com

Camp Mennoscah's annual Youth Volunteer Weekend for grades 7-12 is March 16-17! This over-the-top, laid-back, faith-filled and service-doused retreat should not be missed! We will stay in the Retreat Center due to renovations at the Main Camp kitchen. There will be music, worship, counselors, and projects for all.

Register online at campmennoscah.org or contact us at [620-297-3290](tel:620-297-3290) for assistance. We'll see you there! (Poster attached.)
Camp Mennoscah brochures are now available on the literature. They contain information not only on children and youth summer camps but other activities and events during 2018. If your child or youth has attended camp in the past, you should receive the brochure at your home address. The Discipleship Commission will again be providing to the children and youth from Hope who want to attend. There will be more information a bit later.

Dear friends of the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale, you're invited to host, be a guest or organize a Fellowship Meal at your church. Annually, these simple meals help support the Relief Sale by raising funds towards the sale budget. Meals, in area homes, are scheduled Feb. 25 & March 4. Please see the Fellowship Meal brochure for additional details. Questions??? Margaret Wiebe is our contact person.

Prayers for the wider church:

...Mark and Mary Hurst of Mennonite Mission Network serve as resource people and pastors with the Anabaptist Association of Australia and New Zealand. Pray for them as they build relationships with people seeking God and a way of living that centers on Jesus' justice and shalom.

...Pray for Western District Conference's Gifts Discernment Committee as they begin to consider nominees to fill leadership roles on the Executive Board and commissions next year.

Choir texts

"In Meeting We Are Blessed"

We are met together and in meeting we are blessed.
Peace in coming and in going, peace in labor and in rest.
Hold on, dear brother! Hold on, dear sister!
Hold on to me, hold on to me.
You're not alone and you never more will be.
I will be with you and I will carry you with me.
Friendship endures and surely we will prove it's not ourselves,
but our bodies that move.

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,