



Hope Mennonite Church
9:30 A.M. Worship
December 2, 2018
First Sunday of Advent

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

We gather together as the people of God,
who wait expectantly for God's promises to be fulfilled.

**Our waiting is difficult in a world
that is impatient & chaotic.**

God knows our longing for salvation to arrive.

**Like John, we don't just sit around and wait. We
prepare the way of Jesus in the world and into human
hearts.**

Lighting the Advent candle
"Hope is a candle" (vs 1)

David & Sharon Morford
Sing the Story 15

Prayer

*Songs of gathering

"Bless'd be the God of Israel"

Hymnal 174

"Comfort, comfort, O my people"

Hymnal 176

Christmas Memory

Jared Regehr

Hearing God's Word

Scripture reading

Luke 3:1-18

"On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry"

Hymnal 183

Message

"Window of Opportunity"

Dave Stevens

Responding to God

* "To us a Child of hope is born"

Hymnal 189

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offering (First Fruits)

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

Carole Stevens

Prayers of God's People

Sending

* "Come thou long expected Jesus"

Hymnal 178

*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. Today we begin our journey in Advent as we anticipate the birth of Jesus.

Worship Participants

Worship Leader: Cecil Lilliston

Pianist: Vicki Howard

Song leader: Treva Greaser

Scripture reader: Clinton Chlumsky

Upcoming Worship Events

December 9

Second Sunday of Advent; Luke 1:26-38

December 16

Third Sunday in Lent; Luke 1:46-55



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.

November 25

Attendance 41

Offering \$969

Year-to-date \$174,371

2018 spending plan total - \$229,000

Still needed in 2018 - \$54,629

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.