



Hope Mennonite Church  
9:30 A.M. Worship  
December 16 2018  
Third 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

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad!  
God comes to set things right!

***The proud will be scattered and the humble lifted up.***

The hungry will be filled and the prisoners set free.

***By the tender mercies of God,  
the dawn from on high breaks upon us.***

God will give light to those who dwell in darkness.

***God will guide our feet in the way of peace.***

Lighting the Advent candle      Scott, Stephanie, Sam, Lily Harder  
"Hope is a candle" (vs 4)      Sing the Story 15

Prayer

\*Songs of gathering

"My soul proclaims with wonder"

Hymnal 181

"What child is this"

Hymnal 215

Christmas Memory

Cecil Lilliston

## Hearing God's Word

Scripture reading

Luke 1:39-56

"Mary did you know"

Mark Lowry & Buddy Green

Ensemble

Message

"Mary's Hail"

Dave Stevens

## Responding to God

\* "My soul is filled with joy"

Sing the Journey 13

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offering

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

"Christ Child's Lullaby"

arr. Kathy Mattea & Dougie MacLEAN

Ensemble

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

Seeing & Seeking God

Work of the Church

Sharing our Praises & Prayers

Prayers of God's People

## Sending

\* "Hark! The glad sound!"

Hymnal 184

\*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 journey through Advent and anticipate the birth of Jesus.

## Worship Participants

Worship Leader: Natalie Hand

Pianists: Sam Harder, Cynthia Loganbill

Song leader: Treva Greaser

Oboe: Elisha Miller

Scripture reader: Lori Regier

Ensemble: Bethany Miller, Rod Kremer, Galen Fast, Dave Stevens

## Upcoming Worship Events

December 23

Fourth Sunday in Advent: Matthew 1:18-25

December 24

6:30 p.m. Lessons & Carols

Candlelight Service

December 30

Christmas 1; Gary Hand speaker

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.

December 9

Attendance 91

Offering \$13,690

Year-to-date \$197,426

2018 spending plan total - \$229,000

Still needed in 2018 - \$31,574

*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.*

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (December 16-22)

Sunday -Following worship: Christmas eve choir rehearsal  
Wednesday -6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast  
@Riverside Café West, 9129 W Central



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Michelle Ernt, Emily Ingram  
Next Sunday: Carole Stevens, Elisha Miller  
December 30: Clinton Chlumsky, Alex Epp



All adults are invited to gather in the sanctuary for “Advent Conspiracy: Can Christmas still change the world?” Are you tired of how consumerism has stolen the soul of Christmas? Join other Christians who are choosing to make Christmas what it should be – a joyous celebration of Jesus’ birth.

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (December 23-29)

Monday -6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve service  
Thursday -6:00 p.m. College youth gathering

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Guests and visitors last Sunday: Dan Johnson: Rick & Jill Weaver; Carrie, Keith, Jessica Moser

Journey to Bethlehem with Mary and Joseph: Mary and Joseph are on their way to Bethlehem. Can you spy them in the church on this journey?

As we draw to the end of 2018, please take note of our offering information on the back of the bulletin, especially as you consider your end of year giving. The last bank deposit will be noon on December 31. Thank you.

Office schedule during the holidays. The office will be closed December 25 & January 1. Pastor Dave will be out December 27-30.

There is be a Sunday School hiatus on December 23 & 30. All classes will resume on January 6.

Remember when email was the great new way to easily and quickly communicate. Well...today there is texting, Instagram, twitter and more; however, email is still the most efficient way the church office communicates with the congregation. Please continue to check your emails, especially for messages specifically for you or any committees/commissions you are on. We are only as good as your responses!

Hope young adults home from college: If you are around, please consider adding Thursday, **December 27** to your calendar as a time the Deacon's will host an evening of food, fun, and reconnecting in person between Christmas and New Year's. We'll start the meal at 6.00 pm at church. You are welcome to bring a friend, too. Please RSVP to the church office.

Family Promise – You are invited to consider an end of year gift-in-kind to Family Promise. The Day House is in need of numerous items. There are lists attached to the Family Promise box. Purchase what you wish and place the items in the designated box by **January 1**.

Kansas City 2019 – Our biennial Mennonite Church USA will be held this summer, July 2-6. We are entitled to send 3 delegates and the church covers part of the costs. Registration opens in February with lodging following on a first-come-first-serve basis. If you are interested in representing Hope, please contact Pastor Dave or the church office.

The Wichita Chamber Chorale presents Sounding Joy 2018 “Make We Merry” on **December 16**. Check out the poster on the bulletin board for details on location, time, and cost

Prayer requests:

...Pray for Western District Conference chaplains and pastors who offer caring ministry to those seeking healing, hope and comfort.

...Pray for young people between the ages of 15–22 who are considering the opportunity to worship, learn and serve next summer with the Youth Venture program in Benin, Indonesia, Japan, Peru or Spain.