



Hope Mennonite Church  
9:30 A.M. Worship  
December 23, 2018  
Fourth 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

Come, brothers and sisters, let us worship together.  
God's love has been revealed.

**The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.  
Jesus has made God fully known.**

All creation is renewed,  
through the Word who is full of grace and truth.

**In him was life and the life was the light of all people.  
The light shines in the darkness and the darkness does  
not overcome it.**

Lighting the Advent candle  
"Hope is a candle" (vs 3)

Travis Cox  
Sing the Story 15

Prayer

\*Songs of gathering

"Love came down at Christmas"  
"Angels we have heard on high"

Hymnal 208  
Hymnal 197

## Hearing God's Word

Scripture reading

Matthew 1:18-25

"Oh little town of Bethlehem"

Hymnal 191

Message

"What about Joseph?"

Dave Stevens

## Responding to God

\* "No wind at the window"

Sing the Story 11

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offering

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

\* "O come, all ye faithful"

Hymnal 212

\*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: Lori Miller

Pianist: Cynthia Loganbill

Song leader: Treva Greaser

Scripture reader: Chris Bellar

Harp: Kathleen Lehman

	Upcoming Worship Events
December 24	6:30 p.m. Lessons & Carols Candlelight Service
December 30	Christmas 1-Luke 2:22-40; Gary Hand speaker
January 6	Epiphany; Matthew 2:1-12



FOURTH SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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 16

Attendance 104

Offering \$8,991

Year-to-date \$206,417

2018 spending plan total - \$229,000

Still needed in 2018 - \$22,583

*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 23-29)

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



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Carole Stevens, Elisha Miller  
Next Sunday: Clinton Chlumsky, Alex Epp  
January 6: Jordon & Emily Regehr

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (December 30-January 5)

Sun-Sun -Family Promise week  
Saturday -Sandwich Saturday (need a coordinator)

Coffee preparation next week: Galen & Cindy Fast

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Guests and visitors last Sunday: June & Carl Rempel

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 & 28 & January 1. Pastor Dave will be out December 27-30.

Check out some of the Christmas cards that Hope has received posted on the bulletin board.

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.

January newsletter: If you have articles or announcements for January Hope Headlines, please submit no later than December 26.

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**.

Sandwich Saturday 2019 – The new sign list to help with this ministry has been posted on the bulletin board. If you are interested in gathering your family, small group, or friends, to prepare 150 sack lunches and distribute in downtown Wichita, please sign up. For more information contact the church office.

Hesston College is offering a community audit course titled “Missional Leadership” beginning January 21. There is information on the literature table.

Prayer requests:

...Give thanks for the gift of God’s Word-made-flesh in Jesus, and for the many ways in which Western District Conference congregations make God’s love tangible in our world today.

...December 26 begins the week-long celebration of Kwanzaa, a festival that reflects African thought and practice in its affirmation of the dignity of the human person in community and culture. Pray for Mission Network ministries that work at breaking down the racial barriers in our society.