



Hope Mennonite Church
December 19, 2021
9:30 am Worship
Fourth Sunday of Advent
“Dare To Imagine”

Gathering to Worship

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

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Friends, let us gather to worship and dare to imagine!

Let us sing with daring joy because the Lord our God is with us.

We dare to trust in the resilient goodness of life.

We dare to light a candle for the One who shines in the darkness and whom the darkness will never overcome.

We dare to believe that everyone who thirsts can draw water with joy from the wells of salvation.

Let us sing with daring joy because the Lord our God is with us.

Lighting the candle of Joy

Travis Cox & Charity Kennedy

* Songs of Gathering

“Hark! the Glad Sound!”

Voices Together 217

“Love Has Come”

Voices Together 258

Hearing God's Word

Children's Story

Lori Miller

Scripture reading

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing, Daughter Zion! Cheer, O people of Israel! Be glad and celebrate with your whole heart, Daughter Jerusalem!

The LORD has dropped the charges against you. God has turned away your enemy. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst. You will never fear evil again.

On that day it will be said to Jerusalem: "Don't be afraid!" To Zion: "Don't be disheartened!" The LORD your God is in your midst. The LORD is mighty to save.

The LORD rejoices over you with gladness. God renews you with his love. The LORD delights over you with singing, as on a festival day.

This is what the LORD says: I will sweep away from you the burden that is upon you as a disgrace. I am about to confront all your oppressors. I will rescue the lame and the outcasts I will gather in. I will transform their shame into praise and a name throughout all the earth.

At that time, I will bring you in, the time when I gather you. For I will make you into a name and a praise, among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

"The Lord Your God Is with You"

Voices Together 173

Message

"First Joy"

Dave Stevens

Responding to God's Word

*"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

Voices Together 243

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Greeting our Guests (Please pass the attendance pads)

Seeing and Seeking God

Work of the Church

Sharing our Praises and Concerns

Prayer of God's People

Joanna Pinkerton

Sending

*"Joy to the World"

Voices Together 240

*Benediction

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Welcome to this season of Advent and "Dare to Imagine." We are glad you are joining us for worship this morning, either in person or via Zoom. The recording is available Monday-Thursday.

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Church Office Hours

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Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

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Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

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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 5

Attendance 98

(Hope 80; Zoom 15; Zoom recorded 3)

Offering \$12,292

Year-to-date \$204,912

Spending plan 2021 - \$250,000

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.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Renetta Gooden

Pianist: Ruthie Goering

Song leader: Jared Shetler

Scripture reader: Lori Miller

Worship tech: Michelle Jantz

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (December 12-19)

Today -10:45 am Christmas ensemble rehearsal



*Pre-1st: Room 8/9

*Elementary: Room 7

*Youth: Room 3 with Marcus Loganbill

*Adults: "What is the Church and why does it exist?" led by Cynthia Loganbill.

Coffee preparation next week: Scott & Connie Luty

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (December 19-25)

Sunday -10:45 am Christmas ensemble rehearsal

-4 pm Christmas concert with Hopeful Blues and
Doxology Ensemble

Friday -6:30 pm Christmas Eve candlelight service

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Guests and visitors last week: Emily Knight

Immerse yourself into the Christmas message with music and song on Sunday **December 19** at 4pm at Hope Mennonite. Hopeful Blues is honored to host Doxology Ensemble, a 12-voice male ensemble from the Anabaptist community near Hutchinson. Jointly, they will present a concert of sacred music, joining two unique ensembles for an afternoon of Christmas music. Doxology Ensemble sings Acapella choral arrangements, both classic and modern. Jared Shetler, a former vocal student of Mark Bartel is a member of Doxology and attends Hope Mennonite. Hopeful Blues, an eclectic instrumental group based at Hope Mennonite Church in Wichita performs a variety of sacred instrumental music from old world to contemporary. The Christmas selections will be a blend of contemplative and familiar. Admission is free, donations are welcome

Central Kansas Master Chorale presents "Lessons & Carols", **today**, 7 pm, at Hesston Mennonite Church. Free admission. Madison Hofer-Holdeman is a member of the group. A flyer is posted on the bulletin board.

Prayers for the wider church

...Pray for generous financial support for Western District Conference and its congregations, to help meet ministry and budget goals for this year.

...Pray for Mennonite Mission Network Argentina Partners: Argentina Mennonite Church; Patagonia Missionary Project; Missionary Program to Northern Argentina; and Argentine Bible Society.

...Pray for Mennonite Mission Network Brazil Partner: AEM-Brazil Mennonite Church, an alliance of 37 Portuguese-speaking churches in six regions.



A huge thank you to all who have made contributions to Working Men of Christ which help with returning citizens. To date, \$11,965 has been collected toward our goal of \$12,000. **Only \$35 to go.** Will you put us over the top?



COMMEMORATIVE POINSETTIAS



Steve & Vicki Howard - In memory of Steve's parents Marvin & Annetta Howard

Heidi Johnson-Laws - In honor of her four grandchildren Ethan & Ella, Hunter & Carter.

Scott & Connie Luty - In memory of Connie's parents Walter & Kathryn Wiens and Scott's mother Phyllis Luty

Joanna & Randy Pinkerton -In memory of their parents Fred & Judy Pinkerton and Ellis & Edna Gerber

Donovan & Laurie Regehr & family - In memory of their fathers Curt L Regehr and Larry Voth

Jim & Barb Voth - In memory of their parents Elmer & Frieda Enns and Herman & Dora Voth

Mike & Kim Voth - In memory of Kim's father Ron Caywood and Mike's parents Paul & Eva Mae Voth and Kim's grandparents

Margaret Wiebe - In memory of her parents Vernon & Rubena Wiebe and nephew Ben Haury