



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, God dares to partner with a village girl named Mary to bring salvation to the world.

In the Christ child, God dares to come among us, small and vulnerable.

In Jesus, God dares to experience all human joys and heartaches, all our hopes and dreams.

In the Christ child, God dares to kindle the fires of justice.

Let us dare to imagine the proud scattered and the humble lifted up.

Let us dare to imagine the hungry filled and the prisoners set free.

Like Mary, let us treasure all these things and ponder them in our hearts.

Let us magnify the Lord in worship.

Lighting the candle of Love

Alison, Kloie, Hailey Boese

* Songs of Gathering

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

Voices Together 265

“My Soul Proclaims with Wonder”

Voices Together 222

Hearing God’s Word

Children’s Story

Annette Chlumsky

Children’s Christmas presentations

Scripture reading

Luke 1:39-56

“ The Angel Gabriel Called Mary Blessed” Voices Together 221

Message

Dave Stevens

“Dare to Imagine that Life can be Better for Everyone”

Responding to God’s Word

*“My Soul Cries Out”

Voices Together 412

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Hopeful Blues

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

Sending

*“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Voices Together 241

*Benediction

Based on Luke 1:78-79

Friends, by the tender mercies of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness ... and to guide our feet into the path of peace.

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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.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Marcus Loganbill

Pianist: Vicki Howard

Song leader: Galen Fast

Scripture reader: Marcus Loganbill

Hopeful Blues: Laurie Regehr, Eldon Chlumsky, Galen Fast, Rod Kremer, Leon Greaser

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Church Office Hours

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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 12

Attendance 95

(Hope 77; Zoom 16; Zoom recorded 2)

Offering \$6,692

Year-to-date \$211,704

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.

Upcoming Worship Services

December 24	6:30 pm Christmas Eve service
December 26	First Sunday of Christmas
January 2	Epiphany Sunday

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (December 19-25)

Today	-10:45 am Christmas ensemble rehearsal -4:00 pm Christmas concert with Hopeful Blues and Doxology Ensemble
Friday	-6:430 pm Christmas Eve candlelight service



*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: no coffee

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (December 26-January 1)

Saturday -Sandwich Saturday

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Guests and visitors last week: Avry Collier; Tavian & Cruz Graber

Hopeful Blues is honored to host Doxology, 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, **today**, 4:00 pm at Hope. Admission is free, donations are welcome

Please join us for our 6:30 pm Christmas Eve service of Lessons and Carols and Candle lighting.

There will be no Sunday School on December 26 and January 2. Classes for all ages will resume on January 9.

Sandwich Saturday – Are you able to help provide cookies for January 1? We need 24.5 dozen.

Prayers for the wider church

...Give thanks for Western District Conference congregations as a visible expression of God's presence in local communities, now in this Christmas season and throughout the year.

...Pray for the Mennonite Mission Network partners in Chile: Chile Mennonite Church, a conference of 10 congregations in or near Santiago and in Colombia: Colombia Mennonite Church, a conference of 25 churches in and near Bogota.



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?

Sharing Praises and Prayers December 12, 2021

- * Donna Bradbury honored J Clyde's life by placing a symbol on the banner. December 13 marks the one-year anniversary. She shared some remembrances and gave thanks for the support of her family, Cecil Lilliston and church members.