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Hope Mennonite Church
November 27, 2022
First Sunday of Advent
9:30 am Worship

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

Watch! You know what time it is,
how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep.

The night is far gone, the day is near.

As we watch, we light this candle as a sign of our hope.

Bring your restoration to your people, we pray.

Lighting the Advent candle

Natalie Hand

Special Music

“Hope is a candle”

Elisha Miller

*Songs of Gathering

“Here I Am to Worship”

Voices Together 227

“We Praise Thee, O God”

Voices Together 91

Hearing God’s Word

Children’s Story

Kendal Warkentine

Scripture reading

Matthew 24:36-44

“I Know Not Why God’s Wondrous”

Voices Together 590

Message

“Holy Waiting”

Randy Quinn

Responding to God’s Word

*“Comfort, Comfort, O My People”

Voices Together 212

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Greeting our Guests (Please pass the attendance pad)

Seeing and Seeking God

Work of the Church

Sharing our Praises and Concerns

Prayers of God's People

Sending

* "How Firm a Foundation"

Voices Together 592

* Benediction

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A warm welcome to all who have chosen to worship with us this morning in person or on Zoom. The YouTube recording becomes permanently available on Monday. Our Advent theme this year is "A season of waiting & watching." Our Advent bulletin covers are drawn by some of our preschool-1st grade children.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Jim Voth

Pianist: Amy Bellar

Song Leader: Lowell Birkey

Scripture reader: Wendy Wiens

Worship tech: Michelle Jantz

Zoom host: Brenda Glanzer Lilliston

Upcoming Worship Services

December 18

Third Sunday of Advent

Choir and children's Sunday School sharing

December 21

Longest Night of the Year service

December 24

Christmas Eve service



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Church Office Hours

Randy Tuesday-Wednesday 9:00 am-4:00 pm
Monday, Thursday – work from home
Cynthia Monday-Thursday 9:00 am-1:30 pm
Kim Friday 9:00 am-1:00 pm
Staff meeting Tuesday 9:30 am

Hope on Facebook: Follow the link at 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 20

Attendance-88

(Hope-79; Zoom-9)

Offering \$2,130

Year-to-date \$189,185

Spending plan commitment 2022 \$255,000

Hope offers an electronic option of giving through **Tithely**.
Contact the church office for instructions.

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 (November 27-December 3)

Tuesday -7:00 pm All congregation Zoom with Melissa

Wednesday -7:00 pm Choir

Saturday -Sandwich Saturday (**need 20.5 dozen cookies**)

Coffee preparation next Sunday: no coffee next Sunday



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Clinton & Katie Chlumsky

Next Sunday: Donovan & Laurie Regehr

December 4: Donna Heide, Lori Regier



NO Sunday School today. Classes resume next Sunday.

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (December 4-10)

Sunday -Congregational meeting (spending plan 2023)

-Noon: Holiday meal

Tuesday -7:00 pm Worship Commission

Wednesday -7:00 pm Choir

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Guests and visitors last week: Julia Geer; Stephanie & Jay Gehring; Tyler Gehring; Joyce Albright; Tonya Ramer Wenger

The Youth Group is selling 2023 God's Creation calendars for \$10. Calendars, as well as note pads for \$4, can be found on the literature table between the mailboxes. Remit payment to the church office.

The November 25 issue of *Anabaptist World* is available on the front table. The focus is on "Portrait of the Faithful" and looks at the trends of declining numbers of self-identifying Christians in the United States. Read the news article on our own Margaret Wiebe as well as a provocative editorial on church in person vs online.

You are invited to donate warm men's gloves for distribution by the youth on Sandwich Saturday, **December 3**. There is a collection box in the fellowship hall.

The display table near the library has newly acquired donated-- Thank You!-- books in addition to books pertaining to grief and loss. Some are from our church library and some borrowed from Western District Conference Library. There are also three new volumes of the Believer's Bible series. Check any of these out using the normal procedure.

You are invited to purchase a poinsettia(s) in honor or in memory of someone in your life. Cost \$10. They will be displayed in the sanctuary beginning December 11 and can be taken home following the Christmas Eve service. Please send your request and payment to the church office by next Sunday, December 4.



The Trinity knot is an ancient symbol representing the eternal, unbroken presence and interconnectedness of the triune God. Like a circle, there is no beginning and no end. Melissa Hofstetter, transition advisor, explained that in Hebrew the word for "hope" (Tikvah) is the same word used for "rope" or "cord" - that which holds together and brings hope. This symbol of the rope in the shape of a Trinity knot will be used in our conversations with Melissa, as God is the One in whom we find Hope. Zoom meetings with Melissa Hofstetter this week: **Vision Council**

Prayers for the wider church

...We are about to finish this year 2022, and I surely believe that our God has led us, and cared for us in the process and stages of life within the kingdom of God. As we continue to face each challenge, God has also opened doors, relationships and many more things; the work was not only of one, but all in unity and harmony of the Spirit of God. We present to God the new challenges that will come, so that He may take care of all of us, in this Church Plant Commission and the other WDC Commissions. In the name of Jesus, Amen. -WDC Church Planting Commission

...Pray for Mennonite Mission Network's Colombia Partners – IMCOL (Colombia Mennonite Mennonite Church); and Ecuador Partners – ICAM (Quito Mennonite Church), ICME (Mennonite Christian Church); and FEINE (Council of Indigenous Evangelical Peoples and Organizations).