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Hope Mennonite Church
December 4, 2022
Second 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

John the Baptist proclaimed,

“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

Prepare the way of the Lord, make God’s paths straight.

As we prepare, we light this candle as a sign of peace.

Bring your restoration to your people, we pray.

Lighting the Advent candle

Dawn & Greg Epp

*Songs of Gathering

“Hope Is a Candle”

Voices Together 211

“People Look East”

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Hearing God’s Word

Children’s Story

Jared Regehr

Scripture reading

Matthew 3:1-12

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Voices Together 218

Message

“Making Preparations”

Randy Quinn

Responding to God’s Word

*“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

Voices Together 216

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

“Witness to the Nativity” John Leavitt

Women’s Ensemble

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

* “Prepare the Way! the Prophet Called” Voices Together 220

* 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 leaders: Mike Voth, Hudson Regehr

Pianist: Cynthia Loganbill

Song Leader: Galen Fast

Scripture reader: Brad Ernt

Worship tech: Scott Luty

Zoom host: Lee Schmucker

Upcoming Worship Services

December 18

Third Sunday of Advent

Choir and children’s Sunday School

December 21

Longest Night of the Year service - 6:30 pm

December 24

Christmas Eve service - 6:30 pm



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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 27

Attendance-64

(Hope-52; Zoom-12)

Offering \$3,837

Year-to-date \$193,022

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 (December 4-10)

Today -Holiday meal

Tuesday -7:00 pm Worship Commission/Zoom with Melissa

Wednesday -7:00 pm Choir

Coffee preparation next Sunday: Eldon & Annette Chlumsky



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Donna Heide, Lori Regier

Next Sunday: Val & Mike Mayta

December 18: Jordon & Emily Regehr



Prek-1st: Room 8/9 downstairs

Middle School: Room 7 downstairs

Adults: Congregational meeting: 2023 spending plan

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (December 11-17)

Tuesday -7:00 pm Deacons Zoom with Melissa Hofstetter

Wednesday -7:00 pm Choir

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Guests and visitors last week: Jessie Randall

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 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 turn in your request and payment to the church office by **today**.



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 meeting with Melissa Hofstetter this week: **Worship Commission**

Prayers for the wider church

...In this Advent season, give thanks for God's gifts of wisdom, vision and hope for WDC congregations navigating transitions and other discernment processes.

...Pray for Mennonite Mission Network Guatemala partners: CITA, Community of Anabaptist Theological Institutions; INEMGUA, Kekchi Mennonite Church of approximately 125 congregations; MTAL, Movement of Anabaptist Women Doing Theology from Latin America; SEMILLA, Latin American Anabaptist Seminary.

Sharing Praises and Prayers November 27, 2022

- * Margaret Wiebe was recognized for being conferred emerita status at Hesston College following her 40 years as librarian.
- * Delaine Stolze announced the arrival (albeit is 10 days late) of a granddaughter, Nikki Jean Moncado.
- * Cecil Lilliston requested prayer for the many people who struggle with loneliness and sadness during the holiday season.

Work of the Church

- * Vision Council news: A technology committee is being appointed and will be part of the Stewardship Commission.

People, Look East

1. Peo-ple, look east. The time is near of the crown-ing of the
 2. Fur-rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant-ed.
 3. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the bowl shall
 4. An-gels an-nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new life to

year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the
 there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in
 brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as
 earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with the

People, look east and sing to - day:

hearth and set the ta - ble. People, look east:
 course the flower may flour-ish.
 sun and moon to - geth - er.
 word, the Lord is com-ing. People, look east:

Love, the Guest, is on the way.
 Love, the Rose, is on the way.
 Love, the Star, is on the way.
 Love, the Lord, is on the way.

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Witness to the Nativity lyrics

In the stable a wondrous sight, father, mother and child.
Is this a place that He should be born, a babe so meek & mild.
Lying there in a manger, Lo, this is a blessed child.

Cold the night, yet warm this place, God is surely here.
His presence seems to fill this room, this baby is so dear.
Father, mother, the holy child, God's light is shining clear.

Such a myst'ry to behold by such a child as I.
Joy and beauty flood by heart for Jesus is close by.
I will tell my parents this; all my family too.
So blessed am I, a little child, to see His glory true.

Humble Babe, you are the Savior come from God above.
All the world will long to know, the gift of God's great love.