



Advent 1

Hope Mennonite Church
December 10, 2023
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

We long for wholeness.

We hope for joy.

Sometimes both seems to elude us.

**The desserts appear to be expanding
and our journey feels lost in the wilderness.**

Other times, both peace and joy surprise us;
they rekindle our hope that things will indeed come to flower.

**Today we come with our personal pains and joys -
some of which we share with others**

and some of which we hardly dare to mention to God.

But God, who made us, knows us through and through,
and God, who knows us, loves us and wants us whole.

**Let us be silent and then let us pray, listen, and speak,
with this God, who is with us!**

Lighting the Advent Candle
"Longing for Light" (verse 1)

Ruthie Goering
#715

*Songs of Gathering

"My Soul Proclaims with Wonder" #222

"Now the Heavens Start to Whisper" #237

Hearing God's Word

Time with the children

Randy Quinn

Scripture reading

Jeremiah 33:14-18

Special Music

Elisha Miller

Message

“Baruch’s Hope”

Randy Quinn

Responding to God’s Word

*“Bless’d Be the God of Israel”

#223

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

Prayers of God’s People

Sending

*“Jesus Christ Is Waiting”

#287

Benediction

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*Please stand if you are able

A warm welcome to all who have chosen to worship with us today in person or on Zoom. During Advent this year, we will move from darkness toward the coming light of Christ. Each week the bulletin cover will reveal an increasing amount of light. In a world where darkness seems prevalent, we place our hope in Jesus who is the light of the world.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Jim Voth

Pianist: Cynthia Loganbill

Song leader: Galen Fast

Scripture Reader: Greg Shelly-Unruh

Worship tech: Michelle Jantz

Zoom host: Brenda Glanzer Lilliston

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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 & updates on church life.

First Fruits Giving

Giving the first and best of what we are given.

November 26

Attendance Zoom only - 53104

Offering last Sunday \$0 Year to date - \$200,616

Spending plan year to date - \$240,000

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*

Hope Mennonite Church Statement of Welcome and Inclusion

We believe all people are created in God's image and we covenant to accept, respect, and love one another as we seek to follow Jesus. We gather around God's table as an open and affirming congregation, embracing all people to full participation in the life and ministry of our church regardless of age, race, marital status, sexual orientation, economic status, gender identity, citizenship, ability, ethnicity, or any other factor subject to discrimination or exclusion in our world. We recognize and give thanks for the diverse opinions among us and are united as we strive to model a community of faith offering justice, peace, love, and compassion in the name of Christ.

Upcoming Worship Services

December 10	2 nd Sunday of Advent Children & Youth Christmas Presentation
December 17	3 rd Sunday of Advent; Choir
December 24	4 th Sunday of Advent 6:30 pm Christmas Eve Service

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (December 3-9)

Today -Noon Holiday Lunch
Wednesday -7:00 pm Choir



- *Preschool: Room 8/9 downstairs
- *Elementary: Room 2 downstairs
- *Middle School: Room 7 downstairs
- *Adult Sunday School – Congregational meeting

Coffee preparation next Sunday-Greg & Dawn Epp



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Clinton & Katie Chlumsky
Next Sunday: Eldon & Annette Chlumsky
December 17: Greg & Leah Shelly-Unruh

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (December 10-16)

Wednesday -7:00 pm Choir

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Guests on Zoom last Sunday: Carrie; Sam & Barb Claassen;
Danny & Lauren Barrera; Kathy & Gary Voth; Martha Caywood

Spending plan update: 2023 spending plan \$260,000; to date,
\$200,616; still needed \$59,384 with 6 Sundays left in the year.

As per our Christmas tradition: You are invited to purchase a poinsettia that will adorn our sanctuary from December 10-through Christmas Eve, at which time you can take it home. The poinsettia can be purchased in memory/honor of, or to celebrate a person/ event. Deadline for purchasing is **December 4**. Contact the church office with your request. Cost is \$10 per poinsettia.

Adult Sunday School December 10 & 17 – Have you ever imagined what the homes of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John might have looked like at Christmas? Starting next Sunday, as we journey through Advent, we will look at the imagined homes of the four Gospel writers for a unique celebration of Christ's birth, life, and sacrifice. We will reflect on the distinctive perspective of the birth of Christ or the incarnation offered by each Gospel writer and consider how their homes might have looked at Christmas based on what they documented (or not) about Christ's birth. The study will be led by Laurie Regehr.

Thirsty? During fellowship time, there is always coffee, tea and juice for the kids. Did you also know there is a large variety of carbonated beverages in the kitchen fridge? Help yourself at a \$1 a can/bottle.

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is collecting items for much needed hygiene kits. New items needed are: 1 adult sized toothbrush (in manufacturer's packaging); 1 large bath soap (leave in wrapper); 1 nail clipper (good quality); 1 hand towel (medium weight, dark or bright colors preferred; approx. 16 in x 26 in); 1 wide tooth comb-6-8" The deadline to bring your items is **December 10.**

The November 24 issue of *Anabaptist World* is available on the front table. This issue features articles on straddling cultures; one by Jennie (Warkentine) Wintermote; letters of aid to Swiss immigrants and an ad from our Pastor Search Committee.

Please look ahead and mark your calendars for Hope's next Family Promise hosting week. We will be hosting families from **December 31 through January 7.**

Check out the article on the bulletin board. There is an editorial from the Wichita Eagle and the last column talks about the new movement, "Justice Together" of which we are a part.