



Advent 2

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

Have you noticed? Are you paying attention?

God is doing a new thing.

We watch and wait in the joy of the coming Messiah.

You know the captives? God is bringing freedom.

You know the brokenhearted? God is bringing healing.

We watch and wait in the joy of the coming Messiah.

Beloved, listen. God is calling you. To be freed and to free your neighbors. To be healed and to heal your community.

To testify to the Light among us.

We watch and wait in the joy of the coming Messiah.

So, let us join our voices and our hearts as we proclaim the story of the one whose coming we anticipate and yet is already as close as our own breath.

We come to watch, to wait, and to worship in the joy of Jesus Christ, the coming Messiah.

Lighting the Advent Candle Kevin, Taylor, Hudson, Riley Sechrist
"Longing for Light" (verse 2) #715

*Songs of Gathering

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" #103

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #218

Hearing God's Word

Time with the children Randy Quinn

Scripture reading Isaiah 40:1-11

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| Responding to God's Word |
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*“ Comfort, Comfort, O My People”

#212

Children and Youth Christmas presentation

Narrators: Hailey and Kloie Boese

Mary: Logan Regehr

Joseph: Hudson Regehr

Angel: Eleanor Chlumsky

Shepherds: Hudson Secrist and Haydon Regehr

Animals: Riley Sechrist, Hadley Weimer, Landon Regehr,

Holden Regehr, Cameron Williams, Simeon Parker Sutter,

Owen Chlumsky

Coordinators: Laurie Regehr, Ruthie Goering

Reading: He Came Here for Me

Kid Leader: Born in a stable

Kids: He came here for me.

Kid Leader: Called baby Jesus

Kids: He came here for me.

Kid Leader: God's only son came to set the world free.

God's love came in Jesus.

Kids: He came here for me.

Congregation: God loves all of us so He came here for us!

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

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*“You Shall Go Out with Joy”

#847

Benediction

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*Please stand if you are able

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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.

December 3

Attendance- 118 (Hope 106; Zoom-12)

Offering last Sunday \$12,962 Year to date - \$213,577

Spending plan year to date - \$245,000

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.

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 reveals an increasing amount of light. In a world where darkness seems prevalent, we find a growing sense of joy as we wait for Jesus who is the light of the world.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Renetta Gooden

Pianist: Vicki Howard

Song leader: Lowell Birkey

Scripture Reader: Lowell Birkey

Worship tech: Scott Luty

Zoom host: Lee Schmucker

Upcoming Worship Services

December 17 3rd Sunday of Advent; Christmas Choir

December 21 6:30 pm Longest Night service

December 24 4th Sunday of Advent

6:30 pm Christmas Eve Service

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (10-16)

Wednesday -7:00 pm Choir



*Preschool: Room 8/9 downstairs

*Elementary: Room 2 downstairs

*Middle School: Room 7 downstairs

*Adult Sunday School – 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.

Coffee preparation next Sunday-Marcus & Cynthia Loganbill

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (December 17-23)

Thursday -6:30 Longest Night service



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Eldon & Annette Chlumsky

Next Sunday: Greg & Leah Shelly-Unruh

December 24: Donovan & Laurie Regehr

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Guests on Zoom last Sunday: Grace, Ben & Simeon Parker Sutter; Wes & Trina (Wynn) Schmidt; Lindsey Stepanek, Parker, Rhett; Keith & Carrie Moser and grandson

Spending plan update: 2023 spending plan \$260,000; to date, \$213,577; still needed \$46,423 with 4 Sundays left in the year.

If you would like to learn more about the Justice Together Research Action Team, there is an informational meeting on Tuesday, December 12th, from 6PM to 8PM at Hillside Christian Church located at 8330 E Douglas, Wichita. These team will study the possible “root-cause” solutions for the chosen priorities of homelessness and mental illness. This is an **informational meeting** and your attendance does not mean you are saying “yes” to being on the Research Team. Also, you do not need to be a Justice Team member to participate in either the meeting or the team. You can register <https://forms.gle/N1KwjB3JefrYxaU49> (this address directs you to the Google form to register).

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.



COMMEMORATIVE POINSETTIAS

- Bryon & Leona Adrian - In celebration of their wedding anniversary.
- Lowell & Dianne Birkey - In memory of their parents, Eugene & Gladys Sprunger and Jake Birkey
- Jim & Twila Blakely - In memory of Jim's cousins Allene Pauls, Eldon Pauls, Dwilette Paulsen
- Mary Ford - In celebration of her daughter, Melissa Stucky.
- Ruthie Goering - In memory of her husband Jim
- Randy & Shirlyn Graber - In memory of Shirlyn's brother, Christopher Liechty
- Steve & Vicki Howard - In memory of Steve's parents Marvin & Annetta Howard, and Pastor Dave Stevens
- Heidi Johnson-Laws - In celebration of her grandchildren, Ethan, Ella, Hunter & Carter
- Scott & Connie Luty - In memory of their 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
- Greg Shelly-Unruh - In memory of his aunt, Patty Shelly and grandmother, Ruth Epp.
- Jim & Barb Voth - In memory of their parents Elmer & Frieda Enns and Herman & Dora Voth
- Mike & Kim Voth- In honor of the granddaughter Mae; 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
- Jan Worley - In memory of her husband, Galen and nephew Benjamin Schroeder

Prayers for the wider church

...Pray for Western District Conference's Ministerial Leadership Commission as they meet this week, and as they provide support and resources for credentialed ministers in our conference.

...Members of the Evangelical Mennonite Church of Burkina Faso are living through a time of great trauma. Pray that God will provide for and protect them, as they live out their faith in the Prince of Peace.

...The Anchorage, Alaska, Service Adventure unit, made up of Chiara Rempel, Veronica Schelesny, Lukas Tepper and leader Rachel Musselman, requests prayer as they "experience the darkness of a northern winter, as well as a sense of peace regarding visa decisions" for German participants.