



Christmas

Hope Mennonite Church
December 31, 2023
First Sunday of Christmas
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

Life-giving God, may your Holy Spirit inspire
our praise and our prayers.

**Open our hearts and minds to your presence
among us and within us.**

Come alive in our words and actions as we worship.

**To you alone belongs all praise and honor and glory
and blessing, now and to the end of time. Amen.**

*Songs of Gathering

“Joy to the World”

#240

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

#241

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture reading

Luke 1:46-56

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

#243

Message

“Who and What do we Magnify?”

Jim Voth

Responding to God’s Word

*“Angels We Have Heard on High”

#249

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

*"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

#252

*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. Today we celebrate the First Sunday of Christmas. A special thank you to Jim Voth for bringing the message this morning.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Mike Voth

Pianist: Ruthie Goering

Song leader: Lowell Birkey

Scripture Reader: Joanna Pinkerton

Worship tech: Galen Fast

Zoom host: Renetta Gooden

Upcoming Worship Services

January 7 Epiphany

January 14 Preaching text: Mark 2-1-22

January 21 Preaching text: Mark 4:1-34



The bulletin cover for the next two Sundays reflects the Christmas star in the cross panels.

Stay in Touch with Hope

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Church Office Hours

Randy Tuesday-Wednesday 9:00 am-4:00 pm

Monday, Thursday – work from homes

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 24

Attendance-77(Hope 63; Zoom-14)

Offering last Sunday \$13,847 Year to date - \$261,594

Spending plan year to date - \$260,000

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.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (December 31-January 6)

Today - Family Promise hosting week begins (sign-up)
Wednesday -7:00 pm Choir
Saturday -Sandwich Saturday (need cookies)



There is no Sunday School scheduled today.
Classes for all ages will resume on January 7.

Coffee preparation next Sunday- Mike & Kim Voth

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (January 7-13)

Sunday -Music Committee
Tuesday -7:00 pm Worship Commission
Wednesday -6:00 pm Inquiry Class
-7:00 pm Choir



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Shelby & Tyler Kaufman

Next Sunday: Kevin & Taylor Sechrist

January 14: Justin & Tiffany Regehr

Guests & visitors last Sunday: Lois Birkey; Heidi & Jon Doell family; Dan & Carter Johnson; Judy; Whitney; Aleen Ratzlaff

Today we begin hosting Family Promise families through **January 7**. There are just a couple of slots open toward the end of the week. Contact Marcus Loganbill for further information.

Sandwich Saturday 2024 – We only need 2 dozen cookies for this Saturday, January 6. Please sign up if you can help.

There are special Christmas greetings posted on the bulletin board from Marvin & Jeannie Zehr (founding pastor) and our mission partners in Calais, France, Joseph & Rachel Givens.

The December 22 issue of *Anabaptist World* is available on the front table. Read about Christmas in a world of violence, what did Jesus learn from Joseph, plus their year in review where Anabaptists made peace and confronted division. Pick up your copy today.

In the January newsletter, Hope's Justice Together Leadership Team addresses in detail some questions that have been asked since our December congregational meeting. Some questions addressed are: **Why do we believe that joining a Justice Ministry is important? **What does signing the Justice Together Covenant do for us? We realize the newsletter report is very detailed but we want to make sure we thoroughly answer your questions about the organization, the covenant signing and Hope's responsibilities.

Prayers for the wider church

...We lift up our church mission before God, seeking His divine intervention and guidance. We pray for the success of our church planting efforts, that hearts may be touched, and lives transformed by God's love. Bless our church planters, provide resources, and strengthen the commitment of all involved. May Your light shine through our mission, bringing hope and healing to those we serve. In Jesus' name, we present these requests. Amen. -Western District Conference Church Planting Commission

...Although 2023 is ending with much suffering and violence around the world, pray that we do not tire of proclaiming our hope in Jesus, who has overcome evil and injustice. May we continue to "be the Gospel" wherever we find ourselves.

Sharing Prayers & Praise
December 24, 2023

* There was no sharing or work of the church last week.