



Advent 4

Hope Mennonite Church
December 24, 2023
Fourth 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

Star-Child, earth-Child, **Go-between of God,**
love Child, Christ Child, **heaven's lightning rod.**
This year, this year,

**Let the day arrive when Christmas comes
for everyone, everyone alive.**

Hope-for-peace Child, **God's stupendous sign,**
down-to-earth Child, **Star of stars that shine,**
This year, this year,

**Let the day arrive when Christmas comes
for everyone, everyone alive.**

Lighting the Advent Candle
"Longing for Light" (verse 4)

Randy & Joanna Pinkerton
#715

*Songs of Gathering

"Love Came Down at Christmas"

#255

"The Angel Gabriel Called Mary Blessed"

#221

Hearing God's Word

Time with the children

Randy Quinn

Scripture reading

Luke 2:25-32

"Hark! the Glad Sound!"

#217

Message

"Simeon's Peace"

Randy Quinn

Responding to God's Word

*"What Child Is This"

#267

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

*"Oh, How Joyfully"

#254

*Benediction in unison

#825

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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 have moved from darkness toward the light of Christ. Each week the bulletin cover has revealed an increasing amount of light. In a world where darkness seems prevalent, we find a sense of peace in the darkness while we wait for Jesus who is the light of the world.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Mike Voth

Pianist: Cynthia Loganbill

Song leader: Galen Fast

Scripture Reader: Donna Bradbury

Worship tech: Michelle Jantz

Zoom host: Barb Voth

Upcoming Worship Services

December 24 6:30 pm Christmas Eve Service

December 31 First Sunday of Christmas

January 7 Epiphany

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 17

Attendance-119 (Hope 106; Zoom-13)

Offering last Sunday \$24,887 Year to date - \$247,747

Spending plan year to date - \$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*

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.