



Christmas

Hope Mennonite Church
December 29, 2024
Keep Promises
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

As we worship today; God, we ask this of you:

**Wipe pride from our hearts,
That we might truly love one another.**

**Rinse conceit from our eyes
That we might see one another as you see.**

We rest in your promises and wait for you.

Calm and quiet, we trust in you.

Open our hearts,

**That we might let go of all that separates us
from you and one another.**

Lighting the Christ Candle

Joanna Pinkerton

*Songs of Gathering

“Joy to the World” #240

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” #247

Hearing God's Word

Time with the Children

Annette & Eldon Chlumsky

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:21-38; Psalm 131

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

#243

Sharing our joy through music

*To Us a Child of Hope Is Born”

#259

Responding to God's Word

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

*"Angels We Have Heard on High"

#249

*Benediction

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*Stand as you are able

A warm welcome to all who have chosen to worship with us this morning in person or on Zoom. Today we worship on the First Sunday of Christmas in celebration of the birth of the Christ Child.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Mike Voth

Pianist: Laurie Regehr

Song leader: Galen Fast

Scripture reader: Chris Teufel

Candle lighting readers: Mike Voth, Leslie James

Worship tech: Scott Luty

Zoom host: Brenda Glanzer Lilliston

Upcoming Worship Services

January 5 Epiphany

January 12 Star sharing

January 19 Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday

Stay in Touch with Hope

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Church Office Hours

Sara Dick This week: Thursday 9-2 pm

Cynthia Monday-Thursday 9 -1:30 pm

Kim Friday 9-1 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 22

Attendance 106 (Hope 95; zoom 11)

Offering last Sunday - \$17,880

Year to date \$254,558

Spending plan commitment \$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 29-January 4)

Saturday -Sandwich Saturday

Coffee preparation next Sunday – Bob & Delaine Stolze



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Eldon & Annette Chlumsky

Next Sunday: Donovan & Laurie Regehr

January 12: Clinton & Katie Chlumsky



No Sunday School today. Classes will resume January 5.

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (January 5-11)

Monday -7 pm Music Committee

Wednesday -8 pm Choir

Thursday -7 pm Worship Commission

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Guests & visitors last Sunday: Dave Wilson; Jeff & Deb Kroeker; Bradley Deyo & Genet Loganbill; Patrick Loganbill & Joselyne Hernandez; Stephanie & Jay Gehring; Joyce Albright

There are Christmas greetings from Marvin & Jeannie Zehr and Randy & Ronda Quinn on the bulletin board.

Pastor Sara will be on vacation December 25 -January 1. She'll be back in the office on January 2. If you have any pastoral concerns, please contact a deacon or the church office.

The January 2025 issue of *Anabaptist World* is now available on the front table. This larger special edition kicks off the celebration of 500 years of Anabaptism. There are two historical articles, five articles on core tenets of Anabaptism – believers baptism, community, discipleship, peace and religious liberty – from a 21st century perspective, and much, much more. Pick up your copy today.

Sanctuary Greeters As shared at the congregational meeting, all active members and regular attendees will be scheduled to serve in this new ministry, unless you wish to opt out by contacting the church office. Thank in advance for supporting a welcoming and hospitable environment to our worship experience.

Dear Hope Mennonite Church: Thank you so much for taking a day and covering the Family Promise volunteer spots at St. Mary's during the open week. This meant that no one church or the staff had to carry the week. What a great collaborative effort to ensure the families had a safe, warm space to lay their heads the week before Christmas. Thanks & blessings, Carrie

Did you order an Anabaptist Bible? The soft covers have arrived and are in the back office with your name on your copy(ies).

Vision Council is thrilled to announce the formation of the **Creation Care Committee**, a new initiative dedicated to promoting environmental stewardship and sustainability within our church community. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Michelle Jantz at moderator@hopemennonite.org by January 6.

Are you interested in an alternative New Year's Eve party that promotes sobriety, celebrates another culture, is free, and doesn't last until midnight? Ben Eaglefeather and his organization, Prairie Rose Wellbriety, has hosted a Sobriety Powwow for the last several years. It is open to all. The celebration takes place from 2:00 - 10:00 (you do not need to be present the entire time) on December 31 at Calvary United Methodist Church, 2525 N. Rock Road. See Marcus Loganbill for details.

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) is calling for volunteers to help host the 2025 MDS Annual Celebration February 14 – 15, 2025, at the Ridgepoint Church, 8000 W 21st St, in Wichita, KS. MDS is celebrating 75 years of disaster recovery work, which began right here in Kansas. Volunteers are needed to help with meals, welcome and hospitality, driving shuttle vans between hotels and church, and helping with meeting room preparation. Please contact Eldon or Annette Chlumsky for more details. The deadline is January 11.