

Hope Mennonite Church  
January 12, 2025  
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

Howard Thurman, 1985

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the kings and princes are home,  
when the shepherds are back with their flock,  
the work of Christmas begins:

**to find the lost, to heal the broken,  
to feed the hungry,  
to release the prisoner,  
to rebuild the nations,  
to bring peace among people,  
to make music in the heart.**

\*Songs of Gathering

“As with Gladness”

#277

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

#27

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture readings Luke 10:38-42; Prov. 14:29; 1 Peter 3:10-17

Reflections on our Star Words

Hudson Regehr (Mercy) & Logan Regehr (Love)

Laurie Regehr (Simplicity)

“Come Away from Rush and Hurry”

#9

Greg Shelly-Unruh (Understanding); Proverbs 14:29

Barb Voth (Openness); I Peter 3:10-17

“Open My Eyes That I May See”

#738

Star Words for 2025

## 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

## Sending

\*"Heart with Loving Heart United"

#813

\*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.

## Worship Participants

Worship leader: Kendal Warkentine

Pianist: Ruthie Goering, Marlene Habegger

Song leader: Galen Fast

Scripture reader: Kendal Warkentine

Worship tech: Mike Voth

Zoom host: Renetta Gooden

## Upcoming Worship Services

January 19 Anabaptism at 500 #1

Child dedication

January 26 Anabaptism at 500 #2

February 2 Anabaptism at 500 #3

Stay in Touch with Hope

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Church Office Hours

Sara Dick This week: Tuesday 1-9 pm; Thursday 9 am- 4 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](http://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.

January 5

Attendance 83 – Zoom only

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 (January 12-18)

Tuesday -7 pm Vision Council

Wednesday -7 pm Choir

Thursday -7:00s pm Women’s Bible study: Jesus takes a side: Embracing the Political Demands of the Gospel

Coffee preparation next Sunday – Clinton & Katie Chlumsky



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Clinton & Katie Chlumsky

Next Sunday: Mike & Val Mayta

January 26: Ben & Grace Parker Sutter



\*Preschool: Room 8/9 downstairs

\*Elementary: Room 2 downstairs

\*Middle School: Room 7 downstairs

\*Adults in the sanctuary: Caring for the Climate: Moving from Anxiety to Action led by Kendal Warkentine. We will be using materials from the Anabaptist Climate Collaborative the first two Sundays. Today’s season will focus on how climate change impacts our lives. The third and fourth sessions will be focused on what steps we, as individuals, can take to care for ourselves and God’s creation.

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (January 19-25)

Sunday -Inquiry Class meets during Sunday School-library  
-Noon Pastor Congregation Relations Committee

Tuesday -1:30 pm Deacons

Wednesday -7:00 pm Choir

Thursday -7:00 pm Women’s Bible study: Jesus takes a side: Embracing the Political Demands of the Gospel

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Visitors & guests last Sunday: Eric Bruce, Andrea Primm, Jennie, Ellie, Peter Wintermote

New mailboxes: Jeremy & Victoria Koop; Ryan & Brenda Henneberg; Adam Kroeker

The 2025 “Sharing Our Hope” banner was made by Twila Blakely. It also commemorates our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary year.

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

A baby dedication reception will be held **January 19** in honor of Miles Parker-Sutter following the church service. Let's celebrate this blessed event together!

If you are interested in learning more about Hope Mennonite and the possibility of membership (though not required), you are invited to an Inquiry Class (3 sessions). The first class will meet on Sunday, **January 19** in the library during the Sunday School hour. Future dates will be decided by the group.

The annual Hope congregational meeting is **January 26** and will be followed by a soup luncheon. Various soups, bread and crackers will be provided. The congregation may contribute to the meal by bringing a salad or dessert.

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 21<sup>st</sup> century perspective, and much, much more. Pick up your copy today.

You are invited to the 2025 Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) Annual Celebration on **February 14 – 15**, at the Ridgepoint Church, 8000 W 21<sup>st</sup> St, in Wichita, KS. MDS is celebrating 75 years of Responding, Rebuilding, Restoring after disasters. You will hear stories from clients and volunteers, a keynote: MDS in an Upside-Down World – God's Faithfulness. You can attend workshops on today's key issues facing the MDS organization. You can enjoy good food and good fellowship. Childcare will be provided on Friday evening and Saturday morning (limited numbers so register early). The event is FREE, including meals. Tours have a fee. For more information about the activities and registration, go to the website MDS.ORG. Registration deadline is Monday, January 27.

College Mennonite Church in Goshen, Indiana, invites you to a special “Anabaptism at 500” event on Tuesday, **January 21**, 7-8:30 pm. You can livestream at [www.collegemennonite.org](http://www.collegemennonite.org) and click the “Watch Live” button.

Register now for the *500 Years of Anabaptism & Swiss Alps Tour*, **May 21-31, 2025**. Sites: The Swiss Alps, Swiss Mennonite sites, & the 500 Year Celebration in Zurich on May 29. Preview the tour at [www.tourwithweldon.com](http://www.tourwithweldon.com). For information & registration details contact Weldon Martens at [weldon.martens@gmail.com](mailto:weldon.martens@gmail.com) or 402-202-9276.

Prayers for the Wider Church:

...Give thanks for the faithful prayers, financial gifts and participation of Western District Conference members in supporting conference and congregational ministries this past year, and pray for generous contributions to WDC as the conference completes its fiscal year in January.

...In this New Year may God’s love and light radiate through Mission Network personnel and partners, as they serve on six continents. God, help each of us use the gifts you’ve given us to be your hands and feet this year, in our neighborhoods and around the world.

...This month, SOOP (Service Opportunities with Our Partners) has placed 29 volunteers in Arizona and Florida. Pray that these SOOPers will be a blessing, as they serve vulnerable populations for two weeks to four months.

Sharing Prayers & Praise  
January 5, 2024

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Work of the Church

\* The Pastor Search Committee and Vision Council are happy to announce that Ruth Harder will be our pastoral candidate. Her candidating weekend will be February 7-9. More information will be sent out this week.