Hope Mennonite Church

November 22, 2026
9:30 am Worship

Gathering to Worship

As we gather for worship, please silence all electronic devices.
Hearing assistance devices are available from the tech booth.
Our worship service is livestreamed and later shared by private link.

Prelude

Welcome & Prayer

*Call to worship (based on Psalm 78: 1-4)

We gather together to *remember*,
to once again tell the wonderful stories of our God—
stories we have heard many times before,
and passed down from generation to generation;
stories of faithfulness and love,
of mercy and compassion,
of miracles and new life.

We grapple with these stories over and over to remember who we are—beloved of God.
We grapple with these stories so that children can also come to know and love the God we serve, and pass on that love in their own way and time as the Spirit of God moves them.

*Gathering Songs

Now Thank We All Our God	#114
Come, Ye Thankful People	#123

Hearing God's Word

Time with Children

Music Down In My Soul arr. Moses Hogan Choir

Scripture readings Psalm 71:18; Psalm 78:4; Psalm 119:90; Psalm 145:4; Daniel 4:3; Luke 1:50

Sharing

Responding to God's Word

Leaning On The Everlasting Arms Eric Nelson Choir

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings
- Offertory
- Prayer

Greeting Our Guests

Seeing and Seeking God
- Sharing our Praises and Concerns
- Work of the Church
- Prayer

Blessing

**You Shall Go Out with Joy* #847

*Benediction

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*You are welcome to stand.

A warm welcome to all who have chosen to worship with us this morning in person or on Zoom.

Worship Leadership

Worship leader: Mike Voth; Zoya
Pianist: Laurie Regehr
Song leader & choir director: Trae Gehring
Scripture reader: Wendy Wiens
Musicians: Galen Fast, Bryce Wilson
Worship tech: Michelle Jantz
Sound tech: Galen Fast
Zoom host: Barb Voth



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Church Office Hours
Cynthia Monday-Thursday 9-1:30pm
Kim Friday 9-1pm
Staff meeting Monday 9:30am

Hope on Facebook: Follow the link at hopemennonite.org and "like" Hope Mennonite Church to see pictures & updates on church life.

First Fruits: Giving the first and best of that we are given.
November 15
Attendance 142 (Hope 124; Zoom 18)
Offering $7,947
Year to date sending plan $252,846
2026 Spending plan commitment to date $278,654
2026 Spending plan $315,000

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.

NOTICES THIS WEEK (November 22-28)

Today	11:00 am Radical Hospitality team-library
	4 pm Orienting with the Word Bible Study group
Tuesday	9:30 am Justice Together team leaders
	7 pm Vision Council via Zoom
Thur/Friday	Office closed for Thanksgiving



For infants – age four
Today: Kaila & Alec Rice
Next Sunday: Jordon & Emily Regehr
December 6: Eldon & Annette Chlumsky



Preschool: Room 8
K-1st grade: Room 2
2nd-5th grade: Room 7
Youth: Room 1

Adults: "A Curious Faith" led by Ryan Henneberg. This book explores questions God asks us, questions we ask God, and questions we ask each other. Christianity is not about knowing good answers, says Wilbert, but about asking good questions—ones that foster deeper intimacy with God and others.

Coffee preparation next Sunday: Marcus & Cynthia Loganbill

NOTICES FOR NEXT WEEK (November 29-December 5)

Sunday	Sharing of Communion during worship
	11 am Sunday teachers meet in the library
	11 am Intergenerational Sunday School activity
	Family Promise week begins
Tuesday	9:30 am Christmas decorating
Wednesday	7 pm Choir
Saturday	Sandwich Saturday (only need 3 dozen cookies)

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Visitors last Sunday: Steve Goeke; Mike Vratil; Parker & Rhett Stephanek, Wes & Trina Schmidt

The winter issue of the devotional *Rejoice* is now available on the table between the mailboxes. Pick up your copy today – and all the pages are there!

All children/youth Sunday School teachers and helpers will meet for 20-25 minutes following worship next Sunday, **November 29**.

Next Sunday, we will begin our Advent journey with the sharing of communion. If you are joining by Zoom, you are invited to prepare elements at home.

Our next hosting for Family Promise will be November 29 - December 6. The VOMO link for volunteers has been sent out. If you would like more information about Family Promise or wish to become a volunteer please see Vicki Howard, Elizabeth Anderson, or Marcus Loganbill. During our week of hosting downstairs classrooms will be off limits.

The Family Promise coordinators thank you for your continued support. We invite you to look at the bulletin board in the fellowship hall and grab a sticky note that has a wish list item on it. Keeping up with families and their needs is ongoing, and we can help by contributing financially and/or donating items on their wish list.

Operation Holiday has kicked off its donation season. We have boxes in the fellowship hall that can be filled with items from their most needed list: new or like-new coats (size 2T – adult 2XL), winter accessories (gloves, hats, etc.), new or handmade blankets, non-perishable foods (soup, proteins, peanut butter, cereal), gifts for teens (body wash/lotion sets, fuzzy socks, headphones, etc.), dry cat and dog food. **NOTE:** We were informed that the number of applications received this year is the highest it has ever been and even includes senior housing facilities that have never requested help before. The deadline is Sunday, **December 6**.

Prayer for the wider church

…Pray for ministers, musicians, artists, and worship leaders in Western District Conference, as they prepare for Advent and Christmas, and help us all prepare to receive Christ more fully into our lives.

…Joseph and Rachel Givens are currently in a time of transition, as Joseph awaits the beginning of his seminary studies and the family looks for ways to support the migrant community in Calais, France. Pray that they would find opportunities to meet people where they are. The Givens are our mission partners.

… As we enter the holiday season, pray for Mission Network service program participants and workers throughout the world who will celebrate the holidays away from their homes of origin & families.

This is an open invitation to anyone who is interested in helping decorate Hope for the Christmas season on Tuesday, **December 1** at 9:30 a.m. Muscles, artistic decorating skills, and every skill in between are needed. Coffee and breakfast snacks will be provided! Watch for a January date for an "undecorating" party.

Music Down In My Soul

I hear music in the air. I can feel it in the air.
There must be a God somewhere.

Over my head I hear music in the air.
Over my head I hear singing in the air.

I got this music down in my soul;
and it fills my heart with the joy of the Lord!

I've got it joy, everlasting. I've got it peace, everlasting.
I've got it love, everlasting.
Love in my heart.

Oh yes, I got peace in my soul.
Oh yes, I got joy in my heart; joy today!

Do you love the Lord? I love the Lord!

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
learning on the everlasting arms.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come.
What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?

I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms,
safe and secure from all alarms.