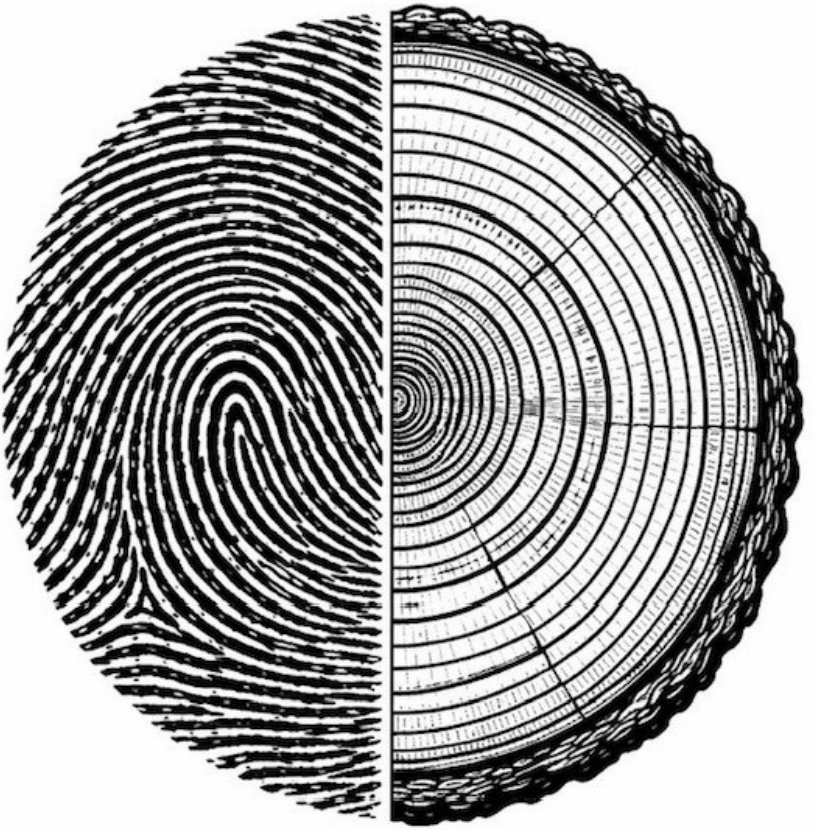


GENERATION TO GENERATION
ADVENT 1

Hope Mennonite Church

November 29, 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

Advent draws us into a story of **hope** dawning,
hope that is yearned for, longed for, desperately sought,
a story of hope dawning in the midst of despair;
despair that defeats us,
despair that speaks of death.

This story is about Jesus.
A baby dawns as light in the world,
a dayspring of hope, the bright and morning star.
He is the Prince of Peace.
We take our place in this gospel story;
hesitant, unsure, not always knowing our lines.
God, you are the Author who imagines us.
You created us, you know this story inside out.
In this season of stories,
give us light and hope for the journey.
-Adapted from a prayer by Carol Penner

*Gathering Song
*O Come, O Come, Immanue*l vs.1,3,4 #210

Time with Children—Lighting Hope
Song *Won't you tell me a Story*

Scripture Reading Isaiah 11:1-10

Lo,How a Rose E'er Blooming #216

Hearing God's Word

Message *14 generations and counting*—Matthew 1:1-17

Responding to God's Word

**God made from one blood* Insert

Sharing in Communion
There is more love somewhere #804
*Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

**Love Came Down at Christmas* #255

*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. Our Advent theme is *Generation to Generation. B*e sure to follow our in-house Advent reflection guide, which can be found on our church website or in printed form.



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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 22
Attendance 151 (Hope 133; Zoom 18)
Offering $6332
Year to date sending plan $259,178
2026 Spending plan commitment to date $284,712
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.

Worship Leadership

Worship leader: Ryan Henneberg
Pianist: Ruthie Goering
Song leader Magdalena Wenger
Scripture reader: Delaine Stolzle
Candlelighters: Doug and Heather Voran
Musicians: Magdalena Wenger; Ainsley Law; Jesse Graber
Worship tech: Galen Fast
Sound tech: Jesse Graber
Zoom host: Renetta Gooden

NOTICES THIS WEEK (November 29-December 5)

Today	11 am Sunday teachers/helpers meet in the library
	11 am Intergenerational Sunday School activity
	Family Promise hosting week begins
Tuesday	9:30 am Christmas decorating
	9:30 am Justice Together Team Meeting
Wednesday	7 pm Choir
Saturday	Sandwich Saturday (still need 3 dozen cookies)



For infants – age four
Today: Jordon & Emily Regehr
Next Sunday: Eldon & Annette Chlumsky
December 13: Shelby & Tyler Kaufman



Everyone: During the second hour today, everyone is invited to create Advent light swirls to take home with you. All supplies will be provided. This activity is for all ages and will coincide with our Advent prayer guide.

Coffee preparation next Sunday: Care & Nurture Commission

NOTICES FOR NEXT WEEK (December 6-December 12)

Sunday	Noon Holiday Meal
	2 pm Orienting with the Word session (Zoom)
	4 pm Congregational Meeting via Zoom
Wednesday	7 pm Choir

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Visitors last Sunday: JB Hunt; Jeff & Deb Kroeker; Marvin Miller; Linda Heidner; Madelyn Guerra; Stephanie & Jay Gehring

All children/youth Sunday School teachers and helpers will meet for 20-25 minutes following worship today in the Library. We will be scheduling spring Sundays and looking at new curriculum.

Family Promise hosting begins **today.** 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.

Starting today and going through Christmas, all are invited to travel through Advent with our newly created Hope Advent reflection guide. Thank you to all who contributed prayers, images, and reflections! These daily reflections and activity prompts will be posted to our church website: www.hopemennonite.org
Due to the cost of printing, we will try to limit the number of printed copies. That being said, we want everyone to have access.

Care and Nurture invites the entire congregation and guests to our annual Christmas fellowship meal on Sunday, **December 6**, following the second hour. Please bring a main dish, side dish, and/or dessert to share. Buns/bread and drinks will be provided.

Operation Holiday: 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:** the number of applications received this year is the highest it has ever been. The deadline is Sunday, **December 6**.

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.

Hope's monthly Women's Coffee Group will meet Mon., **Dec. 14** at 8:30 am (note date change). **ALL** Hope Women and any guests you would like to bring are invited, whether you have been a regular attendee of the coffee group or not. We will be gathering at Hope Mennonite. The coffee and tea will be hot and ready! Please bring 3 dozen of your favorite cookies, and the recipe, to share and swap. It will be a wonderful opportunity for fellowship!

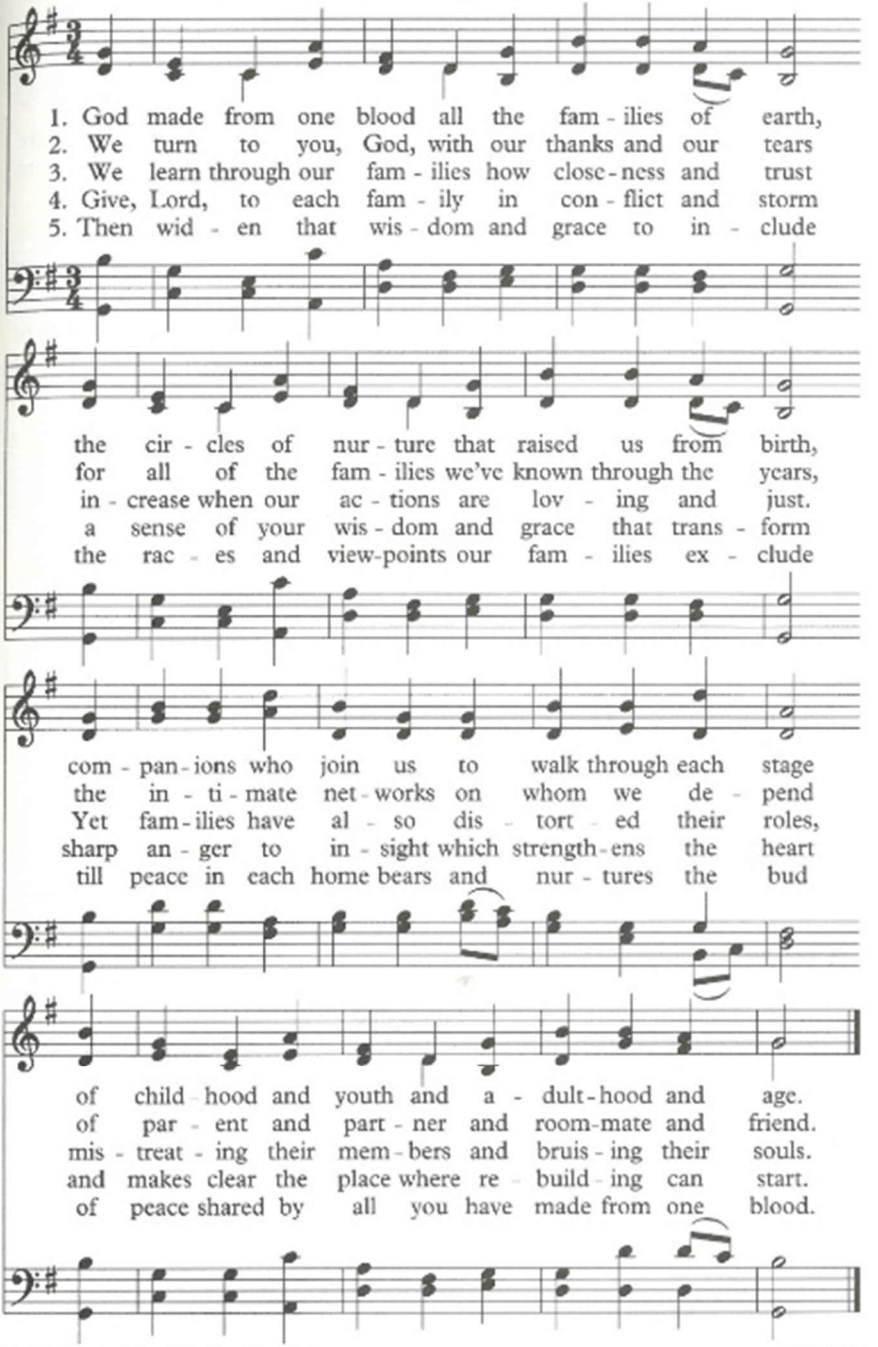
Sharing Prayers & Praise
Week of November 22

*Let's join in praying for Leon and Treva Greaser. A worship service celebrating the life of Leon's mother, Verna Greaser, was held Sat., November 28, at 3 pm, at Lindale Mennonite Church, Virginia.

Work of the Church

* Mike Voth for the Digital Policy Team reminded us of the new policy that will be discussed at the December 6 congregational meeting via zoom at 4 pm.
* Lee Schmucker introduced us to the new advent devotional from Menno Media that is based on Voices Together songbook.
* Vicki Howard for Family Promise requested more helpers for Family Promise hosting starting today. If you still need to train, please contact Vicki to get that information. It's an online training.

God Made from One Blood 2170



WORDS: Thomas H. Troeger (Acts 17:26)
MUSIC: Welsh folk melody

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