

Eden Mennonite Church
Moundridge, Kansas

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Jesus is Blessed for His Journey

Prelude DeLonna Barnett

Welcome Jay Goering

Advent Candle Lighting Ian Smith and Nan Bergen

Call to Worship

One: As we worship today, God, we ask this of You:

Many: 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.

One: We rest on Your promises and wait for You.

Many: Calm and quiet, we trust in you.

One: Open our hearts,

All: That we might let go of all that separates us from You and one another.

Worship Music "Angel Carol" arr. by Anna Laura Page

Shirley Delk and Cindy Bartell, vocal; Brenda Dalke, Piano

Opening Songs

"While Shepherds Watched Their Flock" (vv. 1, 3, 6) #253

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing" #247

Scripture Reading Matthew 1:18-25 Gail Graber

Songs "Away in a Manger" #257

"To Us a Child of Hope is Born" (vv. 1, 2) #259

"Oh, How Joyfully (in English) vv. 1, 2) #254

Time with Children Kristen Stucky

Songs "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"(vv 1, 4) #265

"What Child is This?" #267

Worship Music "Still a Bach Christmas" arr. by Jay Althouse

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Songs "Love Came Down" (vv 1, 3) #255

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" (vv 1, 3) #261

Announcements

Benediction

Sending Song "Joy to the World" (vv 1, 3, 4) #240

Postlude

To share a financial offering, please leave your donation in the vessel on the table in the Fellowship Hall. To give online, scan the QR code on the back page.

Sunday School begins 10 minutes after the end of the worship service.

Key

MC USA: Mennonite Church USA (denominational conference)

MDS: Mennonite Disaster Service (repair/rebuild homes damaged by disasters)

WDC: Western District Conference (Eden's regional conference of MC USA)

OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Remember In Prayer

Cindy Bartell, grieving the death of her mother, Leona Kaufman.

Eugene Goering recovering from heart surgery at Wesley Medical Center.

Mark Rupp receiving hospice care at Pine Village.

WDC: As we enter the New Year, we pray for peace and joy for our loved ones and neighbors. May Christ's presence guide their lives with love and hope. We also remember our brothers and sisters around the world, trusting in God's love to unite us as we step into a new season of grace and renewal.

Nursery: Dec. 29: Marla and Bret Gillmore

Jan. 5: Shayna and Ian Smith

The peace lamp is lit as a reminder to pray for an end to violence in the world. We trust in the power of prayer, as we know that through prayer, all things are possible.

Bring your non-perishable **items for the Moundridge Food Bank** next week.

The **2025 directory** is being updated. Copies of the 2024 directory pages are on a table in the Fellowship Hall. Make corrections on these pages by Dec. 30.

Commissions and committees: This is a reminder to submit your narrative and budget reports for the Annual Report book by Jan. 13.

The **Angel Tree:** If you paid for an ornament to honor a loved one and have not taken an angel from the tree, please remember to do so. The remaining angel ornaments are available for \$3. Place the money in the box by the tree and select your angel.

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) is calling for volunteers to help host the 2025 MDS Annual Celebration Feb. 14 – 15, 2025. 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 Jeff Koller, Tim Schrag or Wanda Kight if you can help!

BEYOND OUR COMMUNITY

Clearing the path. “December, for many of us, is full, full, full. There are concerts, and parties, and extra things at church, and holiday tournaments, and gifts, and family gatherings, and travel, and decorating, and baking, and, and, AND ... The problem is that they are all good things,” writes Talashia Kem Yoder in her Advent meditation, “There’s nothing we really want to take off that list. And yet, when we keep it all on our December path, the path becomes so cluttered and rocky and full of ravines that we spend all our energy just trying to get through!” Read more [here](#).

Mennonite Mission Network invites you to join a Just Peace Pilgrimage this spring. Embark on this life-changing learning experience. **[Christ at the Borders](#)** (Calais, France) — Thousands of people migrate to Calais in hopes of crossing the English Channel and entering the United Kingdom to find a better life. Meet those walking alongside the vulnerable who search for a peaceful home and the travelers themselves.

Mennonite Arts Weekend: “Engaging in the Mysteries of the Creator is the theme for the Mennonite Arts Weekend, Feb.7-9, 2025, in Cincinnati, Ohio. This weekend celebrates the creativity and discipline of Anabaptist Mennonite artists. The weekend begins Friday evening with presentations and workshops and concludes with Sunday morning worship. Activities and workshops designed specifically for children are planned throughout the weekend. A nursery will be available. Saturday lunch and dinner are included. Now is the time to take advantage of the early-bird registration offer and sign up for limited spaces in workshops. Find the list of presenters, registration, location, and lodging information [here](#).

Commemorating 500 Years of Anabaptism + Swiss Alps Tour. Sites: Lake Geneva, cliffside Murren, Mennonites near Bern, & 500 Year Celebration in Zurich. 9-day tour in late May 2025. Details and registration are coming soon. Preview the tour at www.tourwithweldon.com Interested? Contact Weldon Martens at weldon.martens@gmail.com / 402-202-9276. People who are registering with interest will receive early notification when registration opens.

This Week

Jan. 1: Church office closed

Jan. 5: 9:30 a.m. Worship (Scripture: Lk. 2:41-51) / 10:40 a.m. Sunday School

Looking Ahead

Jan. 12: 9:30 a.m. Worship (Scripture: Lk. 3:1-22) / 10:40 a.m. Sunday School

Jan. 19: 9:30 a.m. Worship (Scripture: Lk. 4:14-30) / 10:40 a.m. Sunday School

Jan. 26: 9:30 a.m. Worship (Scripture: Lk. 5:1-11) / 10:40 a.m. Sunday School

Last Week: Attendance: 176, Zoom: 1, SS: 111

Offering: Budget: \$10,784.83 SS: (Christian Soup Ministries/Hutchinson) \$4.00

Christmas Eve: MCC – Buy the Farmyard \$2,692.50

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