

**Eden Mennonite Church
Moundridge, Kansas**

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Prelude

Karen Kaufman

Welcome

Pastor Derek King

Call to Worship

One: Only when we admit we are lost

All: can we be led.

One: Only when we acknowledge our weakness

All: can we be given strength.

One: Only when we are empty

All: can we be filled.

We are lost. We are weak. We are empty.

One: Come, Lord, Jesus, hear our prayer. Amen.

Opening Song

“God Is Here Among Us”

#62

Song leader: Jenny Schrag

Time with Children

Kristen Stucky

Worship Music

“We Gather Together”

—Traditional

Women’s Trio: Cindy Bartell, Shirley Delk, Candy Unrau

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 8:2-18

Jay Goering

Message

“God Finds Us in the Wilderness”

Eric Litwiller

Song of Response

“Come, Thou Fount”

#563

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Worship Music

“Thanksgiving Song”

—Carpenter

Women’s Trio: Brenda Dalke, piano

Announcements

Benediction

Sending Song

“Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song”

#581

Postlude



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

Sunday School begins 10 minutes after the end of the worship service. Children's Classes are labeled on the classroom doors at the north end of the building. An Adult Sunday School information and location poster is on the information cart in the Fellowship Hall.

Announcements Key

MC USA: Mennonite Church USA (denominational conference)

MCC: Mennonite Central Committee (relief/development/peacebuilding mission)

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

Remember In Prayer

WDC: Give thanks for generous financial contributions that support WDC congregations and our shared ministry.

Nursery: Nov. 23 Sarah and Kyle Neufeld Nov. 30: Britney and DaWayne Stos

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.

Welcome to Eric Litwiller who is preaching this morning. Eric is the director of Development at Camp Mennoscah. Eric is from rural Newton and a member of Shalom Mennonite Church.

It's time to update the church directory. Pages are on tables in the Fellowship Hall. Review your information and other households that you may be able to update in both the "Active Members and Participants" and "Wider Fellowship Members" sections. Initial each listing reviewed. If you prefer, email the changes to the office or stop in the office with the information.

We are thrilled to announce further progress at **the retreat center at Camp Mennoscah**. HVAC units have been installed in all rooms—one step closer to having the building operational for 2026 summer camps! Work continues on suspended ceilings, light fixtures, systems testing, and more, including financial donations. Text "CAMP" to 6207552583 to get details about offering your time, talent, or treasure toward that goal.

Hurricane Melissa Response. MCC is responding to the impact of Hurricane Melissa by working with local partners to provide food, hygiene items and other emergency supplies. We welcome your donations at mcc.org/hurricane-melissa.

STEPMC is selling raffle tickets to win a KC Chiefs firepit. The winner will be announced Nov. 28. You do not need to be present to win. Information on how to enter and a picture of the firepit is on the literature cart. Cost is \$25 per entry or 5 entries for \$100.

Give back on Giving Tuesday from 6:30-8 p.m. Dec. 2 at Mennonite Central Committee Central States, N. Newton. Bring your family and friends to this casual, come-and-go, all-ages event. Pack hygiene kits, tie comforters, make a cardboard comforter block craft, and enjoy snacks. Find out more at mcc.org/giving-Tuesday.

5 Places of Christmas: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6, at Goerz House on the Bethel College campus. Bethel College Women's Association will be selling baked goods, candy, craft items and poinsettias. We invite you to donate. Bring your items to Goerz House (2512 College Ave., N. Newton) on Friday, Dec. 5, between 2-5 p.m. or Saturday, Dec. 6, from 9:30-10 a.m. Thank you for your support of Bethel College.

MCC Immigration Network training: 6-8 p.m. Nov. 25 via zoom. This will provide information on immigration enforcement, rights as a faith community and developing a plan of action. **Register here:** mcc.org/protecting-our-communities

In recent years, Mennonite men have become directly involved in **Indigenous solidarity work**. Some of this has come to Mennonite Men as an organization through staff and board members; in other cases, individual men have initiated involvement on their own. In both cases, Mennonite men are being invited to show up, listen, and bear witness to realities that Indigenous persons have historically and currently faced. Mennonite men are being invited to pray with and for Indigenous siblings, to show care, build relationships, and raise their voices alongside Indigenous voices who are advocating for just treatment. Read [more](#).

This week

- Nov. 23: 9:30 a.m. Worship / 10:40 SS
11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Christmas Play practice at church building
- Nov. 25: 7 p.m. ELT at office
- Nov. 26: 6-7:30 p.m. Christmas Play practice at church building
NO CHOIR PRACTICE
- Nov. 27 and 28: Church office CLOSED for the Thanksgiving holiday

Looking Ahead

- Nov. 30: 9:30 a.m. Worship (Advent 1: Hope in the Furnace) / 10:40 SS
11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Christmas Play practice at church building
- Dec. 1: 6 p.m. Deacon Commission at Jeff Koller's home
- Dec. 2: 7 p.m. Peace/Witness Commission at office
- Dec. 3: 6-7:30 p.m. Christmas Play practice at church building
6 p.m. FEWZ at Eden
6:45 p.m. Worship Band practice
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir practice (NO LADIES CHORUS practice)
- Dec. 7: 9:30 a.m. Worship (Advent 2: Peace in the Valley of Bones)
10:40 Sunday School
11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Christmas Play practice at church building
- Dec. 10: 6 p.m. Christmas play dress rehearsal at church building
6:45 p.m. Worship Band practice
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir practice (NO LADIES CHORUS practice)
- Dec. 12: 6 p.m. Christmas play dress rehearsal at church building
- Dec. 13: 7 p.m. "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" at church building
- Dec. 14: 9:30 a.m. Worship (Advent 3: Joy in the Desert) / 10:40 SS
2 p.m. "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" at church building
- Dec. 17: 6:45 p.m. Worship Band practice
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir practice (NO LADIES CHORUS practice)
- Dec. 15: 7 p.m. Worship Commission at office
- Dec. 21: 9:30 a.m. (Advent 4: Love Comes Down) Choir Christmas Cantata /
10:40 Sunday School
- Dec. 24: 7 pm. Christmas Eve program

Last Week: Attendance: 189; Zoom: 13; Sunday School: 169

Offering: Budget: \$11,587.45; Sunday School: (MCC School Kits) \$4.00

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