

Eden Mennonite Church
Moundridge, Kansas

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Advent 3: Be Amazed

Prelude

Bo Howard

Welcome

Pastor Kenzie Intemann

Call to Worship

One: Come, all who hunger and thirst for more—God calls us to the feast!

Many: We are weary exiles, longing for home, caught in a world that drains our hope.

One: “Listen, so that you may live! My covenant is everlasting, my promise sure.”

Many: Can joy reach us here, in this place of waiting?

One: God’s vision is higher than the heavens, stretching beyond what we can see.

Many: The invitation is for all people, from the farthest reaches of the earth.

One: The word of the Lord does not return empty—it brings forth life!

Many: The mountains and the hills will burst into song; the trees of the field will clap their hands!

All: You are the source of true joy, O God. You expand our vision, lifting our eyes beyond the moment, beyond despair, into amazement. We stand before you, ready to enter your story and be amazed.

Opening Song

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

#218

Song leader: Kristin Kaufman

Candle Lighting

One: We have been wandering in the dark, cold desert of grief and despair, and we feel heavy, dry and lifeless.

Many: Come, joy of the world. Come amaze us.

All: May your joy water our thirsty souls, that we may become your fountains of joy, freely sharing your joy with the world.

Worship Music

“Glory to God in the Highest!”

—Williams

Kids Sing, Kristin Kaufman, director; Candy Unrau, piano

Time with Children

Cheri Kaufman

Worship Music “Silent Night”

Kids Sing and Chancel Choir, Bo Howard, director; Candy Unrau, piano

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 55:1-13

Casey Friesen

Message

“Joy in the Desert”

Pastor Derek King

Song of Response "Sometimes a Light Surprises"

#618

Communion

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Announcements

Benediction

Sending Song "Joy to the World"

#240

Postlude

There will be a brief congregational meeting immediately after the worship service. Please remain in your seats.



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 annual meeting. 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)

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

Remember In Prayer

Welcome to **Levi Dean** who was born December 11 to Lucas and Michelle Hiebert. All are doing well.

Lorita Regier at Schowalter Villa health care.

WDC: Pray for chaplains and pastors in WDC who accompany others and provide care and support during the Christmas season, in the midst of joy and celebration and in the face of pain and suffering.

Nursery: Dec. 14: Shayna/Ian Smith

Dec. 21: Brenda Dalke/JoLene Kaufman

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.

Congratulations to Lucas and Michelle on the birth of **Levi Dean Hiebert**. There is a piggy bank on the library desk for anyone who would like to share a financial gift. There is also an online sign-up to provide the family with a meal in the coming weeks: <https://takethenameal.com/BQUA0562>

The **annual meeting** to approve the budget and constitutional amendments and to affirm the slate of officers will follow immediately after the worship service today. As of Nov. 30, we have had \$488,000 in income and \$465,000 in expenses. Therefore, **we have \$23,000 more income than expenses**. Monthly, bi-monthly, and quarterly expenses will be paid out at the end of the year. Thank you for your prayerful giving.

The Sunday School offering for this quarter is for the Moundridge Food Pantry.

Thank you to those who have updated their information in 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.

Angel Memory Tree: Remember loved ones who have passed away with an angel ornament and a donation toward MCC infant care kits. More information can be found on the table by the Angel Memory Tree in the Fellowship Hall. **All** are invited to donate items/money toward this project.

In case you missed it or want to see it again, the final performance for "**The Best Christmas Pageant**" is at 2 p.m. this afternoon.

Longest Night Worship Service: 6:30 p.m. Dec. 21 at First Mennonite Church of Christian. On the longest night of the year, we will gather to acknowledge the darkness of pain and loss in our lives and wait patiently for the light of Jesus to come. All are welcome to this simple service of music, prayer, scripture, and candle lighting, led by Pastors Sara Dick of First and Derek King of Eden.

It's time **to renew our group subscription to Anabaptist World**. The cost for a group subscription is \$49, and you receive the magazine at your home address. (An individual subscription is \$64.) Contact the church office if you would like to join the group subscription plan.

Join us on **Christmas Eve** when the children will invite us to celebrate the birth of Jesus. The service will begin at 7 p.m. An offering will be taken for the **MCC Well-Baby Visit project**, a gift of essential care for newborn babies and their mothers.

Moundridge Community Blood Drive: Noon until 6:00 p.m., Dec. 18 at the Pine Village Wellness Center. To make an appointment, call 1-800-733-2767 or visit www.redcrossblood.org and use "Moundridge" for the sponsor code. Contact Jerry Schrag at 501-388-0177 or mail jerryschrag@gmail.com with questions.

This week

- Dec. 14: 9:30 a.m. Worship (Advent 3: Joy in the Desert) / Communion
Annual Meeting followed by Sunday School
2 p.m. "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" at church building
- Dec. 15: 7 p.m. Worship Commission at office
- Dec. 17: 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve program practice at church
6:45 p.m. Worship Band practice
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir practice
- Dec. 21: 9:30 a.m. (Advent 4: Love Comes Down) Choir Christmas Cantata /
10:40 Sunday School
- Dec. 21: 6:30 p.m. Longest Night Service at First Mennonite Church of Christian

Looking Ahead

- Dec. 24: 7 pm. Christmas Eve program
No choir practice
- Dec. 25: OFFICE CLOSED for Christmas holiday
- Dec. 26: OFFICE CLOSED for Christmas holiday

Last Week: Attendance: 179; Zoom: 8; Sunday School: 114

Offering: Budget: \$10,650.36; Sunday School: (Moundridge Food Pantry) \$6.00

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