

Eden Mennonite Church  
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**Advent 4: Be Amazed**

**Prelude** Jill Zerger

**Welcome** Pastor Derek King

**Call to Worship** (Based on John 1:1-18)

One: In the beginning was love, and love was with God, and love was God.

**Many:** We gather in awe and amazement, watching and waiting for love to come down.

One: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

**Many:** We wait with hope, longing for the gentle light of love to fill the world.

One: The Word became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth.

**Many:** We have seen his glory, love embodied among us.

One: Come, let us worship the God who moves among us, the Christ who draws near, the Spirit who shines in our hearts.

**All:** *The Light is coming! We tremble in excitement and uncertainty. Watching, waiting, for love to be born.*

**Opening Song** "Hope Is a Candle" #211  
Song leader: Bo Howard

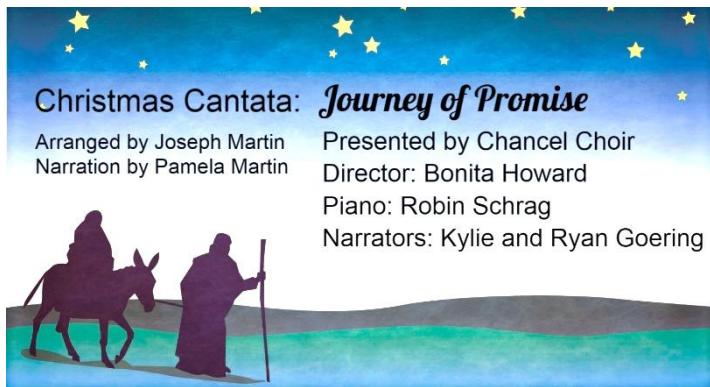
**Candle Lighting**

One: We have been wandering in the long, dark night, looking into the vastness, looking for even a glimmer of light, to usher in your love.

**Many:** Come, love of the world. Come amaze us.

**All:** *May your love dispel the darkness and reveal your path of grace and mercy, inviting us to journey with you.*

**Time with Children** Shayna Smith



## Christmas Cantata: *Journey of Promise*

Arranged by Joseph Martin  
Narration by Pamela Martin

Presented by Chancel Choir  
Director: Bonita Howard  
Piano: Robin Schrag  
Narrators: Kylie and Ryan Goering



“He Shall Feed His Flock” (The Promised Love)  
with Kids Sing and Kristin Kaufman, Director  
“Songs of Bethlehem” (The Promised Peace)  
“Arise and Shine! Your Light Has Come” (The Promised Light)  
“Unto Us a Son Is Given” (The Promised Joy)  
“A New Psalm of Celebration” (The Promised Grace)  
“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” (The Promised Life)  
VT #247 Congregation joins on vs 1 and 3 (Sing melody.)

### Sharing Joys and Concerns

### Prayers of the People

### Announcements

### Benediction

**Sending Song**      “Oh, How Joyfully”      #254

### 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 worship. 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.

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### **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.

**Lorita Regier** at Schowalter Villa health care.

**WDC:** Give thanks for all WDC congregations as they celebrate the birth of Jesus and embody the light of Christ in their communities and the world.

**Nursery: Dec. 21:** Brenda Dalke/Jolene Kaufman      **Dec. 28:** Pat/Bruce Stucky

**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://takethemameal.com/BQUA0562>

**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.

Join us on **Christmas Eve** when the children will invite us to celebrate the birth of Jesus. **Parents, please have your children at the church by 6:40 p.m.** The service begins 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. Popcorn and pop will be shared after the service as a Christmas gift to the church from Gary and Jean Regier and Galen and Kathy Waltner.

**The Christmas Eve Service will be available via Zoom using the usual Sunday worship link.**

The ELT thanks you for contributing to our discernment last Sunday. 114 ballots were turned in. **All new Commission members were unanimously approved.** The **2026 budget and constitution amendments were approved** by 92%.

**Thank you** to the following people who have accepted appointed positions. Ian Smith, Endowment Committee; Carol Zerger, Staff Congregation Relations Team (SCRT); Becky Koller and Dave Stucky, Gifts Discernment Committee

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.

**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. A list of persons being remembered and those remembering them will be available Sunday, Dec. 30. All are invited to donate items/money toward this project.

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.

## **This week**

- Dec. 21: 6:30 p.m. Longest Night Service at First Mennonite Church of Christian
- Dec. 24: 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Service  
No choir practice
- Dec. 25: OFFICE CLOSED for Christmas holiday
- Dec. 26: OFFICE CLOSED for Christmas holiday
- Dec. 28: 9:30 a.m. Worship / 10:40 a.m. Sunday School

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Last Week: Attendance: 190; Zoom: 10; Sunday School: 123

Offering: Budget: \$18,733.04; Sunday School: (Moundridge Food Pantry) \$20.00

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