

Eden Mennonite Church
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Be Amazed: God Among Us

Prelude

Karen Kaufman

Welcome

Jay Goering

Call to Worship

One: In the wilderness, a voice cries out: "Prepare the way of the Lord!"

Many: We have heard the call; we have watched for the light.

One: The One we waited for has come—a gentle dove, a vulnerable child.

Many: We have seen the Christ child among the poor; we have heard the soft flutter of wings.

One: This is how God arrives among us—not in power and might, but in vulnerable love.

Many: Your ways are not our ways, O God.

One: Come, let us worship the One who has come among us, the Lamb of God, the light of the world.

All: We stand in amazement—Christ has been revealed!

Opening Songs

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

#243

"To Us a Child of Hope Is Born"

#259

Song leader: Cindy Bartell

Candle Lighting

One: We have been waiting in the long, dark night, waiting for your light of hope, peace, joy and love to reveal itself and shine on us. Shine in us.

Many: Come, Light of the world. Amaze us!

All: May your light shine through the dark, illuminating your path, illuminating our souls.

Time with Children

Dave Stucky

Worship Music "Sonata in D Major, First Movement

Havea Hofoka
(grandson of Gary and Bonita Howard)

Scripture Reading Luke 2:1-20

Becky Koller

Songs	"The First Noel"	#250
	"The Angel Gabriel Called Mary Blessed"	#221

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Announcements

Benediction

Sending Song	"Hark, the Herald Angels"	#247
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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)

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

Remember In Prayer

Barb Stucky (Delbert) facing health concerns.

WDC: Pray that during this Christmas season the emerging congregations in WDC experience Christ's light and hope as they welcome neighbors and share God's love. —Church Planting Commission

Nursery: Dec. 28: Pat and Bruce Stucky

Jan. 4: Sami and Heath Doane

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.

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

Bring your nonperishable items for the Moundridge Food Pantry next week.

Thank you for donations toward the Infant Care Kits through the Angel Tree this Advent Season. Eden was able to give MCC the following: 12 sleepers, 31 short-sleeved onesies, 48 long-sleeved onesies and \$908.20 (for the completion of Infant Care Kits). Sleepers, onesies and money will be collected through Jan. 4 on the table by the Angel Memory Tree for anyone wishing to contribute.

Chancel Choir invites you to come join your voice in song! Practice begins at 8 p.m., Wed., Jan. 7 through May. We sing once a month. Even if you can't practice every week, we'd love to add you to our ensemble.

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

This is the last week to update 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.

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.

"When I get cynical this time of year about so much over-spending, glitzy bows, and ridiculous "Christmas songs" that have nothing to do with the birth of Jesus, I read (or sing) Mary's song, The Magnificat, in Luke 1:46b-55. When I am in despair that there is no justice or peace on earth, I read Mary's song. Reading this scripture doesn't change what's happening around us, but it does reorient me toward God and God's dream for all of us. God's dream is that everything will be made right as God intended it. God's dream of shalom is a dream of peace, hope, justice, and salvation for all people. If we can have the imagination that the prophets had, that shalom is possible, and indeed will come, in God's time, we will not give in to despair or cynicism. Let Mary's song be our song of courage and vision this advent and beyond!

God is with us no matter what.” —Kathy Neufeld Dunn, associate WDC minister in the WDC weekly newsletter. Read more [here](#).

This week

Dec. 29-Jan. 2: Regular office hours

Looking Ahead

Jan. 4: 9:30 a.m. Worship (Epiphany: John 1:35-51)

10:40 a.m. Sunday School

Jan. 7: 1:15 p.m. Pastors provide chapel at Pine Village

6:30 p.m. Stewardship Commission at office

6:45 p.m. Worship Band practice

7:30 p.m. Ladies Chorus practice

8 p.m. Chancel Choir practice

Jan. 10: 9 a.m. Leadership Retreat

Jan. 11: 9:30 a.m. Worship (John 2:1-11) / 10:40 a.m. Sunday School

Jan. 14: 6 p.m. Meal at church

6:30 p.m. Bible Study for kids

6:45 p.m. Bible Study for adults

6:45 p.m. Worship Band practice

7:30 p.m. Ladies Chorus practice

8 p.m. Chancel Choir practice

Last Week: Attendance: 188; Zoom: 13; Sunday School: 111

Offering: Budget: \$4,280.00; Sunday School: (Moundridge Food Pantry) \$9.15

Christmas Eve offering for MCC Well-Baby Visits: \$1,880.00

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