

A stylized sun with a white center, surrounded by concentric circles in shades of orange and yellow. Radiating lines in yellow and purple extend from the sun across the background. The text is overlaid on this graphic.

**RESTORATION**

is

*Near*

**Do Not  
Be Afraid**

Fourth Sunday of Advent

# Faith Mennonite Church

December 18, 2022

10:30 AM

## Prelude

Jane Schmidt

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*—arr. Warner  
*Lo, How a Rose Is Growing*—Manz  
*What Child Is This*—Manz  
*Still, Still, Still*—Manz

Welcome

Peace Prayer

## Call to worship

Leader: Behold! Do not be afraid; God is with us.  
God is our strength and our salvation!

**People: Lord, we stand in your presence in faith, not fear.**

Leader: God will send angels to keep watch over you,  
to comfort you, to keep you.

**People: Lord, our strong hope is built on your unfailing love.  
Our hearts yield to you and trust in your transforming  
power.**

**All: Praise ye the Lord!**

Opening Prayer

## Candle-lighting liturgy

Leader: We cry out for restoration, we call upon God to give us life.

**People: Do not be afraid, says the Lord. I have promised to be with  
you.**

*Candle lighting (in silence)*

Leader: As we hold fast to God's promise, we light this candle as a sign  
of our joy.

**All: Bring your restoration to your people, we pray.**

*He Came Down*

VT 239

*Savior of the Nations, Come!*

VT 214

*Creator of the Stars of Night*

VT 236

Psalm 87

*Dramatic Scene: The Roman and the new Jesus- Follower*

Prayer for our offerings

*Fum, Fum, Fum*

arr. Nicholas A. Hanson

Bell Choir

*The Angel Gabriel Called Mary Blessed  
My Soul Proclaims with Wonder*

VT 221  
VT 222

Luke 2: 1-5  
Children's Story

*Meditation  
Now the Heavens Start to Whisper*

Pastor Kristine  
VT 237

Pledge of Allegiance  
VT 929

*Sleepers, Wake  
Blessing  
Postlude*

VT 226  
Jane Schmidt

*Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying—Manz*

Please pass the friendship sheets.

VT = Voices Together STJ = Green Song Book STS = Purple Song Book  
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**\*In lieu of passing an offering plate, there are many ways to give. There is a container in the back of the sanctuary as one option. There is a giving button on our community website and USPS also delivers to us.**

*\*\*This service is streamed live. There will be a pause while the stream is switched from the public to the unlisted (private) stream for our congregational sharing, prayer, and announcements.*

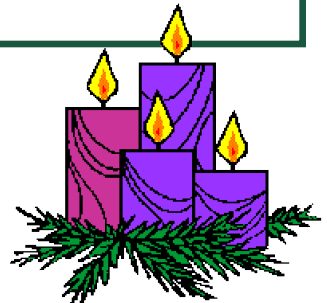
### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

*Pastors..... Kristine Regehr  
.....Rose Marie Zook Barber  
Worship Leader.....Pastor Rose Marie  
Song Leader.....Janet Ediger  
Accompanist.....Jane Schmidt  
Children's Story.....Tammy Plank*

*Sanctuary Prep..... Board of Worship  
Broadcasting..... Jody Hadley  
Sound..... Nathan Garber  
Projection.....  
Ushers.....Mike Doerksen & Howard Allison  
Greeters.. Wilma Loganbill & Alice Jantzen*

***We invite you to join us immediately following this morning's service for our Potluck Meal in the Fellowship Hall. There is always room for more at our table!***

Lyrics to *I Want To Live* that will be sung and played during the congregational prayer and sharing time. The congregation will be asked to join in on the chorus:  
I want to live, I want to grow,  
I want to see, I want to know.  
I want to share what I can give.  
I want to be, I want to live.



**Welcome** to Faith Mennonite Church! We are glad you are here.  
**Faith Mennonite Church embraces as a gift the diversity  
of our community and our world.**

If you need a **listening assistance device or a large print bulletin**,  
please ask an usher.

There are a few \*quiet\* craft items on the back table of the sanctuary that can  
be used during worship.

### **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

As followers of Jesus Christ, our mission is to

- Worship together as a community of faith,
- Invite everyone to share the gift of God's love,
  - Nurture each other in the faith,
  - Serve others in the spirit of Christ, and
- Proclaim His way of peace, justice and reconciliation.

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### **IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you  
may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

We Pray for...

- Howard Allison had a successful, albeit unplanned procedure to place a stent  
in one artery. Doing well at home. Prayers of gratitude and for continued  
healing.
- Hulda Schrag was in the hospital over Thanksgiving. Her heart and lung  
strength have decreased, and she is attending therapy to see about regaining  
strength. John's poetry is being set to music; we'll hear it when it's ready!
- Celebrations of new life.
- Our pastoral search committee: Allen Jantz, Tom Gaeddert, Leslie Hadley,  
Mike Schmidt, Grace Bartel. We pray the Holy Spirit will lead a pastor toward  
serving our congregation.
- Recovering surgeries and procedures for healing.
- Nursing home residents.
- Influenza, Covid, or other illness that take away our energy.
- Seasonal family gatherings and safe travels.

Continuing Praying for...

- Ronnie Horn and their family as chemotherapy continues.
- Those who have lost love ones, those experiencing loneliness, and/difficult  
issues.

Romans 12:12 Be joyful in Hope.

Eight gifts that don't cost: Listening, Affection, Laughter, Solitude, Favor, Written  
Note, Compliment or Cheerful Disposition.

Blessings for the Season—Pam Schmidt

## ***FAITH FAMILY NEWS***

**CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP** - Please note that we will be meeting **tomorrow**, December 19, at 4:00 p.m. here at church rather than our usual time due to the holidays. Come share your joys and frustrations with folks who understand because they walk in similar shoes.

**CHRISTMAS EVE** service will be at 6 PM December 24. The offering will go to the New Hope Shelter Building fund. Please write your checks to Faith Mennonite with New Hope Shelter in the memo line.

**READERS ARE NEEDED!** Do you like to read aloud? If so, Pastor Kristine has some special requests to make of you for the Christmas Eve service and also Christmas Day worship service. Please let her know of your interest by 12/20/2022. Thanks.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL NOT** meet on December 25 or January 1, unless your class has decided to meet. Thank you.

**BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS** are due by the 29th! Thank you to those that have turned them in already!

**THE CHURCH OFFICE** will be **closed** the following dates for the rest of the year: December 23, 26, & the 30th. If you have any announcements for the bulletin, please have them to me each week by Tuesday NOON. If you would like your tithing to go for the 2022 budget, please have all monies in by December 28. Thank you so much for your generosity.

**PASTOR KRISTINE** is taking a short family vacation; Christmas Day (afternoon) through Tuesday December 27. Please direct pastoral care needs to Pastor Rose Marie or the deacon on call, Pam Schmidt.

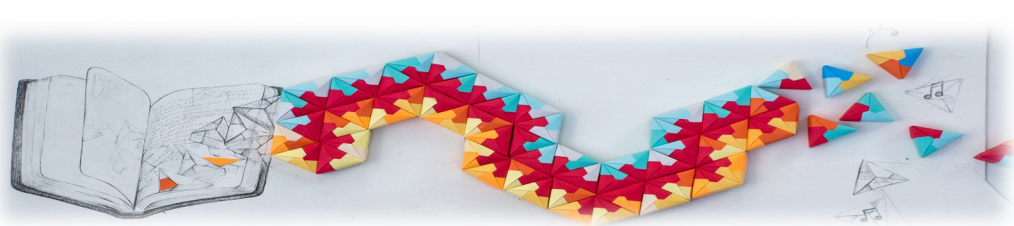
## ***AREA ANOUNCEMENTS***

**IN THIS ADVENT SEASON**, give thanks for God's gifts of creativity and joy celebrated in the diverse cultural and ethnic traditions of congregations across WDC.

**CENTRAL KANSAS MASTER CHORALE** will be giving their *Christmas with the Chorale* concert at Hesston Mennonite Church **today** @ 3 PM. The chorale is directed by Dr. Joel Garber. Several of our church members sing in this chorale.

**MCC CHRISTMAS GIVING!** Give gifts of comfort and joy and help meet the basic needs of our global neighbors this Christmas. Choose from unique gifts such as goats, bees, backpacks and more. Give at [mcc.org/delight](http://mcc.org/delight), call 888.563.4676 or visit the MCC Central States office in North Newton, KS at 121 E. 30<sup>th</sup> Street. With each gift you can get a card and insert explaining the project. These gifts (from \$10-\$4,000) make wonderful hostess/teacher gifts, stocking stuffers and are ideal for those on your Christmas list that are hard to shop for!

**PLEASE CHECK OUT** the bulletin board in the foyer for other area events that are not listed above.



***This Week*** (12/19/2022—12/25/2022)

**MONDAY:**

4:00 PM Caregivers Support Group  
6:30 PM Church Council

**FRIDAY:**

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

**SATURDAY:**

6:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

**SUNDAY:**

10:30 AM Worship Service

***Looking Ahead:***

Dec 28-Jan 3: New Hope Shelter Week  
Church office Closed: Dec 26, 30, Jan. 2  
Jan 29—Annual Business Meeting

Please have all bulletin  
announcements and calendar items  
to the office by **TUESDAY Noon.**  
***Thanks!***

***Attendance for 12/11/2022: 81***

***Board of Administration's Contact Person for December:  
Mike Doerksen: 316.772.2020***

***Board of Deacons' Contact Person for December:  
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