

West Zion Mennonite Church

10:30 AM: Morning Worship

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Advent 2

Words for silent meditation: *In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound (Psalm 72:7).*

Prelude Donna Stucky
Lighting of the Christ candle

Welcome
The Lord be with you / **and also with you.**

Announcements

Lighting of the Advent candle, Curtis, Crysta, and Kaleigh Guhr

Call to Worship, *from Psalm 72*

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.

May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations. May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth. In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more. Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be his glorious name forever; may his glory fill the whole earth. Amen and Amen.

****Celebrating in song**

Angels We Have Heard on High HWB 197

O Come, O Come, Immanuel HWB 172 (vss. 1,4,6-7)

Scripture John 2:1-11 Leon Guhr

Message "Whatever He Tells You" Pastor Brad

Offering (*Offering will be received in the basket on the back table.*)

Song for Meditation

Sharing of Joys and Concerns (*Raise your hand, and we'll bring the mic to you.*)

Prayers of the People

Song *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence HWB 463*

Gathering at the Lord's Table (words on screen)

Litany of Release and Blessing (on screen)

**Sending Song *Be Thou My Vision HWB 545 (vss. 1-2, 4-5)*

**Benediction

**Postlude

Greeter(s): Will & Ellen Kaufman

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Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org**

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Sunday, December 11, 2022

9:00 AM: Sunday School with Austin Regier teaching on poverty
10:30 AM: Worship Service **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky
Message: Pastor Kurt Horst **Scripture:** Lory Fisher
Worship Leader: Carla Stucky **Greeter(s):** Terry & Shery Kessler

Coming Events

Today: Communion, meal after worship, farewell
Dec. 11: 9:00 AM: SS with Austin Regier, Kurt Horst preaches
Dec. 14: 6:00 PM: Homemakers @ Sharon Gehring's
Dec. 18: 9:00 AM: SS with Austin Regier
 10:30 AM: Austin Regier to talk about STEP MC
Dec. 24: 5:30 PM: Prelude, 6:00 PM: Christmas Eve service
Jan. 1: Kurt Horst preaches
Jan. 22: Meal and Annual Meeting

Our Mission: God calls us into community to worship God and follow Jesus through the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

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West Zion Announcements

Please have all bulletin announcements to the office by Thur. noon.

1. **This is our last Sunday** with Pastor Brad. Heidi Regier Kreider, Western District Conference Minister, has been invited to bring a litany of blessing and release this morning. All are invited to a potluck meal following the service which will be followed by a time of appreciations and farewell.
2. **Christian Homemakers** are invited to Sharon Gehring's for a Christmas Tasting Bee on **Wednesday, December 14** at 6:00 PM.
3. Our **White Christmas** project this year is STEPNC and Oxford House. STEPNC works to equip and educate people to break free from poverty in McPherson County. Oxford House (formerly the Mt. Hope Sanctuary in McPherson) is a refuge house for women and families who need a place to stay. A list of items needed for the Oxford House is available at the back of the sanctuary. You can bring items purchased up to the front during the Song for Meditation or after church. The White Christmas offerings will be collected through Dec. 24. If money is given, write checks to West Zion and put "White Christmas" in the memo line.
4. **Austin Regier**, Executive Director of Steps to End Poverty in McPherson County (STEPNC) will be **leading two Sunday School hours on December 11 and December 18 at 9:00 AM**. What does poverty look like in Moundridge? How can we help? All are encouraged to come learn more about poverty and the important work of STEPNC.
5. **The West Zion Christmas Eve program** will help us "Discover the Light of the World!" A piano prelude will begin at 5:30 pm and the program will begin at 6:00 PM on Dec. 24. Come enjoy special music, singing of Christmas carols, telling of the Christmas story, and a candlelight service. Invite a friend or a neighbor!
6. Thank you to all who have taken an angel from the West Zion **Angel Tree Ministries** tree. They are all gone! You can contact Angela Azzarito at 316-712-9849 or visit a tree at Goering Hardware, KSI Realty, or the Moundridge Library if you would like to still help.
7. There will be a need for **gift wrappers** to help wrap gifts for the Angel Tree Ministries on Saturday, December 10 at **1:00 PM** (time

change). If interested, Angela Azzarito invites you to come to West Zion and show off your skills!

8. It will soon be time to put together a **greeters list for 2023**. If you would like to be taken off the greeters list or would like to be added, please let Carla Stucky know, thanks!
9. If you would be willing to **read scripture in 2023**, please let Carla Stucky know. When names have been gathered, a list of names and dates will be distributed.

General Announcements

10. **Everence** will hold an informative Medicare **webinar** on Tuesday, Dec. 6, starting at 6:30 p.m. Topics will include, when and where to sign up for Medicare, what Medicare does (and doesn't) cover, Medicare Parts A, B, C and D in clear, understandable language plus budgeting for health care costs in retirement. To register, call 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or email central.kansas@everence.com. Attendance recommended for those approaching retirement or those ready to sign up for Medicare.
11. **Do you know** when many of your ancestors came to America? In 1874. The Schweitzers and their descendants want to celebrate. The Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association (SMCHA) has scheduled August 23-25, **2024**, at Eden Mennonite Church as the place. Coordinator Danielle Goering would like to hear your ideas (wgdg@cox.net or 602-448-7215). This celebration may include learning more about our history, telling stories, singing, eating some favorite foods, watching wheat harvested, and much more as well as being with relatives and friends. What a celebration we will have!
12. **Mark your calendars!** The Ball Brothers will be coming to perform at Eden Mennonite on Sunday, Dec. 18 at 6:00 PM. Check out their #1 hit on iTunes Christian chart "It's About the Cross" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TYSJj-EHAAk>. Donations will go to the **Pine Village Benefit Fund** to help with the kitchen expansion, transportation van, and various other needs.
13. Take note of **Bethel College and Hesston College** events on our foyer board.

Sermon Notes

Whatever He Tells You
John 2:1-11

Theme

We approach Jesus with boldness and obey him with humility.

Key Verse

(John 2:5) His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Notes

A Question

Where do you need courage to boldly follow Jesus? Where do you need the humility to obey what he tells you?

BUDGET SUMMARY	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 3442.00	\$ 470.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$132,220.35	\$130,880.93
Budget	\$157,300.00	\$165,158.00
Less: expended to date	(132,220.35)	(136,311.30)
Less: cash balance	(<u>5,193.98</u>)	(<u>9,054.79</u>)
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 19,885.67	\$ 19,791.91
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 4,971	\$ 4,948
White Christmas to date	\$ 280	

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

In this Advent season, give thanks for God's gifts of wisdom, vision and hope for WDC congregations navigating transitions and other discernment processes.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Cassidy Bush, Anna Lubbers, Rachel Miller and Eli Reimer make up Mennonite Mission Network's San Francisco (California) Mennonite Voluntary Service unit. Pray for them as they join First Mennonite Church of San Francisco in ministries that work toward reducing poverty and homelessness and promoting social justice, education, and health.

Mosaic Directory

Youth Venture, that it will be possible to facilitate international travel and hold programs, pg 41



We wish a **"Happy Birthday"** to:
December 5: Dorothy Toews