

# Mennonite Church of Normal

November 28, 2021  
First Sunday of Advent

## Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome and Congregational Life

Prelude

Call to Worship

Gathering Prayer

VT 878

## Singing Praise to God

Songs of Praise

*O Come, O Come, Immanuel*  
*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

VT 210

VT 216

## Hearing God's Word

Candle Litany

Candle Lighting and Song *Hope Is a Candle* (verse 1)

Ministry Moment

Response Song

*In The Bleak Midwinter*

Children's Time

*Let the Children Come to Me*

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 31:14-16; Luke 21:25-36  
Romans 8:22-25

Sermon

*Dare to Imagine God's Goodness*

VT 211

Screen

VT 512

## Receiving God's Grace

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Response Song

*To Us a Child of Hope Is Born*

Sharing Joys and Concerns; Prayer

VT 259

## Sent in the Spirit's Power

Sending Song

*The Lord Lift You Up*

Sending Prayer

Postlude

VT 832

## Assisting in Worship

Song Leader: Barry Weaver

Worship Leader: Shannon Neely

Sermon: Holly Zehr

Scripture: Gail Fisher

Children's Time: Nancy Fisher

Worship Planner: Elsa Raab

Accompanist: Dorothy Loepp

Prelude/Postlude: Adam Augspurger, Caleb Augspurger

Sharing Joys and Concerns Prayer Leader: Ron Ropp

Candlelighters: Joe and Mary Jantze

## **This Week:**

Tuesday 4:15pm

Interim Pastoral Team

Wednesday 9:30am

Men's Bible Discussion (Zoom)

7:00pm

Pastoral Team Search Committee (Zoom)

Thursday 6:30am

Next Man Bible Study (Zoom)

2:00pm

Women's Book Group (Zoom)

5:00pm

Peace and Justice (Zoom)

6:00pm

Administration Commission (Zoom)

## **Our Mission:**

*Mennonite Church of Normal is a nurturing, Christ-centered Anabaptist congregation that welcomes all people. As followers of Jesus, we aspire to transform our communities and world into places of peace, healing, and hope.*

## **Our Welcome:**

All people of any race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age, education, or ability who confess faith in Jesus Christ, are welcome to participate in the full life and ministry of the Mennonite Church of Normal. Furthermore, all people of any gender or sexual orientation who confess faith in Jesus Christ, may become members, be married, and are eligible for all volunteer, staff, and pastoral positions at MCN.

Building Open Hours: Monday-Friday, 9am-Noon, 1:00pm-4pm

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