

## Mennonite Church of Normal

December 12, 2021  
Third Sunday of Advent

Dare to Imagine God's song! ---Joy

### Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome/Congregational Life

Prelude

Call to Worship

Gathering Prayer

### Singing Praise to God

Song of Praise	<i>Joy to the World</i>	VT 240
	<i>Oh, How Joyfully</i>	VT 254

### Hearing God's Word

Candle Litany		
Candle Lighting and Song	Hope Is a Candle (verse 4)	VT 211
Ministry Moment	Discipling Commission	
Response Song	<i>In The Bleak Midwinter</i> (verse 4)	Screen
Children's Time	<i>Let the Children Come to Me</i>	VT 512
Scripture Reading	Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6	
Sermon	<i>The Fullness of Joy</i>	

### Receiving God's Grace

Confession and Assurance of Pardon		
Response Song	<i>Over My Head</i>	VT 594
Sharing Joys and Concerns; Prayer		

### Sent in the Spirit's Power

Sending Song	<i>You Shall Go Out with Joy</i>	VT 847
Sending Prayer		
Postlude		

### Assisting in Worship

Song Leader: Cindy Ropp	Worship Leader: Marge Weaver
Sermon: Lynette Miller	Scripture: Mary Ann Watkins
Children's Time: Shannon Unzicker	Worship Planner: Elsa Raab
Accompanist, Prelude, Postlude: Dorothy Loepp	
Sharing Joys and Concerns Prayer Leader: Holly Zehr	
Candlelighter: The King Family	

### **This Week:**

Monday	1:30pm	Community Life Commission
Tuesday	7:00pm	Interim Pastoral Team (Zoom)
Wednesday	9:30am	Men's Book Group (Zoom)
	7:00pm	Discipling Commission (Zoom)
Thursday	6:30am	Next Man Bible Study (Zoom)
	2:00pm	Women's Book Group (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 9:00am-Noon, 1:00pm-4:00pm

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