

Mennonite Church of Normal

December 19, 2021

Third Sunday of Advent

Dare to Imagine God's Face! – Love

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome/Congregational Life

Prelude

Call to Worship

Gathering Prayer

Singing Praise to God

Song of Praise

Oh Come, All Ye Faithful

VT 241

O Little Town of Bethlehem

VT 245

Hearing God's Word

Candle Litany

Candle Lighting and Song *Hope Is a Candle* (verse 3)

VT 211

Ministry Moment Community Life Commission

Response Song *In The Bleak Midwinter* (verse 4)

Screen

Blessing and Dedication of Ezra Lynn Harnish

Children's Time *Let the Children Come to Me*

VT 512

Scripture Reading Psalm 8:1-7, Luke 1:39-56

Special Music Bethany Padgett

Flutist

Sermon *Dare to Imagine God's Face*

Receiving God's Grace

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Response Song *Love Came Down at Christmas*

VT 255

Sharing Joys and Concerns; Prayer

Sent in the Spirit's Power

Sending Song

Love Has Come

VT 258

Sending Prayer

Postlude

Assisting in Worship

Song Leader: Wayne Hochstetler

Worship Leader: Shannon Neely

Sermon: Joe Culpepper

Scripture: Shelly King

Children's Time: Shannon Unzicker

Worship Planner: Elsa Raab

Accompanist, Prelude, Postlude: Elsa Raab

Sharing Joys and Concerns Prayer Leader: Lauren Satchwell

Candlelighter: Steve Benner and Keith Worley

This Week:

Tuesday 7:00pm

Mama Bears (Zoom)

Wednesday 9:30am

Men's Book Group (Zoom)

7:30pm

Vision Team (Zoom)

Thursday 6:30am

Next Man Bible Study (Zoom)

2:00pm

Women's Book Group (Zoom)

Friday 6:30pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

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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