

December 12, 2021 - Advent 3

Worship 9:30am

Faith Formation 10:50am

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Janelle Campbell, organist

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Lonnie Buerge, worship leader

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

HYMN #245

O Little Town of Bethlehem

WE LISTEN AND LEARN

MOMENT OF WONDER

Gail Goeke

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 55:1-13

HYMN VT #267 and #268

What Child Is This/Helpless and Hungry

TEACHING

Ruth Harder

HYMN VT#266

Where Is This Stupendous Stranger

WE RESPOND AND SHARE

SHARING JOY

We welcome the introduction of guests and visitors during this time. One way we get to know one another is by signing the friendship registers. Once the register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.

SHARING CONCERNS

PRAYING TOGETHER

Slips of paper in the pew racks for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. If put in the offering plate, they will be placed in the prayer bowl table at the front of the sanctuary.

OFFERING

HYMN VT #240

Joy to the World

WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE

SENDING FORTH PRAYER

POSTLUDE

CARING NOTES

- Update from Brenda and Dick Tatro: "Teri had a procedure Tuesday to place another drain and she will be transferred to Evanston hospital for a cerebral arteriogram and possible "glue" to stop the bleed. She is currently still recovering from the procedure. We continue to be thankful for the love and concern from our fellow congregants."
- Let's share joy with Melissa and Nick Schroeder and their newborn Kai Jinson Schroeder born November 30! If you are interested in providing the family with a meal sign-up [here. https://mealtrain.com/rq2667](https://mealtrain.com/rq2667)
- Many in the neighborhoods surrounding Rainbow (Rosedale and Argentine), including the board and staff of Rosedale Development Association, are grieving the fatal tragedy that occurred last weekend on the 1400 block of Southwest Boulevard. Several Rainbow congregants (past and present) serve on RDA Board including Ally Mabry, RDA Board Chair; David Bluford and Carlos Casas. Also thinking of all the educator's and students in KCK high schools as it has had a ripple effect throughout the broader KCK community.

FAITH FORMATION HOUR 10:50 AM

K-5th, Rainbow Room (at the bottom of the east stairs to the left)

Jr. High (6th-8th), Jr. High Room (the first classroom at the top of the east stairs)

Sr. High (9th-12th), Sr. High Room (the classroom closest to the balcony)

This Sunday we will not have a formal adult ed class, so let's take this opportunity to sing carols in the sanctuary! Well masked and distanced, of course, but singing! We'll begin at 10:50.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

December 12 – Sunday

- Worship Service and Livestream 9:30 AM
- Community Building Time in the Fellowship Hall 10:30 AM
- Youth Brunch and Carol Singing in the Sanctuary 10:50 AM
- FFB Meeting 12:00 PM

December 13 – Monday

- Bible Study 5:00 PM

December 14 - Tuesday

- Staff Meeting 12:00 PM
- Deacons Meeting 5:00 PM

December 15 – Wednesday

- Women's lunch on zoom 11:00 AM
- Choir Rehearsal 6:45 PM

December 16 – Thursday

- Council Meeting 7:00 PM

Rosi Penner Kaufman will be out of the office on Monday, December 13 through the 14th.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Sunday, Dec 19th - Rainbow Christmas Experience 10:00 AM

Friday, Dec 24th – Christmas Eve Service 6:00 PM

Sunday, Dec 26th – Worship Service starts at 10:00 AM with no Sunday School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

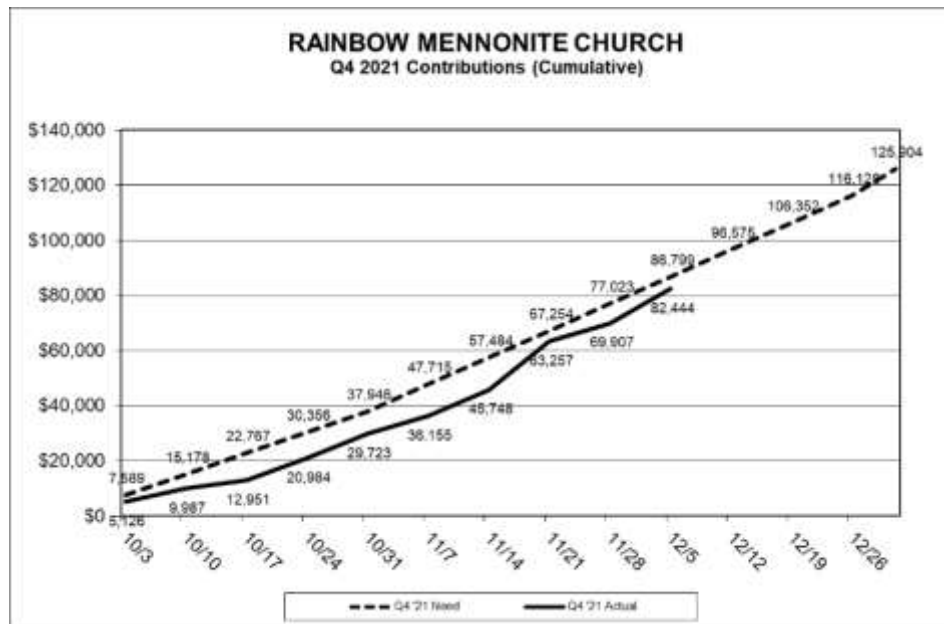
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Rainbow's Christmas Experience will be December 19th at 10:00 am following a shortened worship service. There will be three stations including drumming, Christmas around the world, and a unique way of interacting with the Christmas story. The morning will finish with community time outside with hot drinks and treats.

Stewardship Update: As of 12/5/21, we are forecasting that we will require \$43.5K in contributions in the final 4 weeks of the year to meet our 2021 commitment to fund all the missions of the church and break even for the year. This is after counting the \$44.7K PPP loan forgiveness as income. Based on this, our average need per Sunday beginning 12/12 is \$10.9K. The chart below illustrates our actual vs. needed giving during Q4 2021. Please keep church finances in mind as we head toward the end of our business year. Thank you.



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