

**DECEMBER 26, 2021
CHRISTMAS SUNDAY**

Worship 10:00 am

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Karen Goering Hostetler
Cohen Linscheid
Adam Linscheid

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Rosi Penner Kaufman, worship leader

*HYMN VT 252

Go Tell It on the Mountain

In accordance with Covid guidelines, please wear a singer's mask or N95 mask while singing.

WE LISTEN AND LEARN

MOMENT OF WONDER

Sallie Page-Goertz

HYMN VT 255

Love Came Down at Christmas

SCRIPTURE/TEACHING

John 1:19-34

Ruth Harder

*HYMN VT 260

On This Great Day of Days

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 are available in the pew racks for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, 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

- Gary Kaufman's younger brother Robert "Bob" Kaufman died this week. He was living in McPherson, KS. Most likely the funeral will be held at Eden Mennonite in Moundridge.
- Brenda Foster is asking us to pray for her and her husband Mike as Mike receives hospital care.
- Please remember George Houghton in your prayers. He is currently at KU Medical Center being assessed after a recent fall at home.
- Debra Sapp-Yarwood had an editorial published by the Kansas City Star on December 24, 2021. It is titled "Today, let Hope be Born and Peace Reign."

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

December 26 – Sunday

- Worship Service and Livestream 10:00 AM - no Sunday School

December 29 – Wednesday

- Women's Lunch on Zoom 11:00 AM
- Choir Rehearsal - Cancelled

January 2 – Sunday

- Worship Service and Livestream 9:30 AM

Church staff members are (mostly) away from the office this week. Eric Jantzen will check the church office email once a day, mostly checking for urgent matters. For pastoral concerns, please contact Sallie Page-Goertz, Deacon Chair at 913.645.5780. And if you have a prayer request to share during worship on Sunday, January 2nd, please email or call Rosi Penner Kaufman.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Sunday, Jan. 2nd- Youth Ice Skating at Crown Center, 6-8 PM

Sunday, Jan. 9th – Adult Education will resume 10:50 AM

Sunday, Jan. 16th- Youth Brunch, 10:50-11:40 AM

Jan. 21-23rd - Jr. High Snow Camp

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention committee chairs! Annual reports are due in the office by 9am Wednesday, January 5. Please email your report to office@rainbowmennonite.org in word doc format or within the body of the email.

The Monday night Bible Study group is taking a break and will resume Monday, January 10 at 5 pm.

Save the date! Our annual church meeting is scheduled for January 30, 2022. Look for more details soon.

Stewardship Update: As of 12/12/21, we are forecasting that we will require \$29.5K in contributions in the final 3 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 (counting 12/31/21 as a Sunday) beginning 12/19 is \$9.8K. 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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