



*DARE TO IMAGINE GOD'S DANCE*

Imagine a dance that includes all peoples and nations coming together and praising God for Jesus! This morning we gather together to praise the One who lavishes grace on us, is living among us, and is revealing God's glory in the Word made flesh.<sup>1</sup>

WORSHIP

- PRELUDE Mark Schmidt
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Leann Toews
- LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP AND RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL
- \*CALL TO WORSHIP *from Isaiah 60*
- \*GATHERING PRAYER
- \*GATHERING HYMN No. 48 CS  
No. 276  
Michelle Unruh Accompanist  
*"Arise, Shine"*  
*"Solemn Stillness, Weary Streets"*
- \*PASSING THE PEACE *The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.*
- OFFERING OUR GIFTS
- CHILDREN'S STORY Pastor Luke Unruh
- SCRIPTURE READING Wyatt and Weston Sommerfeld  
and Carrie Smith  
*John 1:1-18*  
*The Word of God for the people of God ~ Thanks be to God!*
- SERMON Pastor Katherine Goerzen
- \*HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 270  
*"In the Beginning" -vs. 1, 2, 4, & 5*
- CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Luke Unruh
- \*SENDING HYMN No. 275  
*"Oh Beautiful Star of Bethlehem"*
- \*BENEDICTION
- \*POSTLUDE *\*Please stand if you are able*

**Sunday, January 2**

Welcome to worship at Tabor Mennonite Church! Come together to worship God and experience God's love. A special welcome is extended to all visitors.

**9:30 am:** Worship Service in the Sanctuary.  
 YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).  
 Link: <https://youtu.be/gpKttmasOq0>

**Fellowship Time** following worship.

**10:45 am:** Faith Formation.

**This Week**

**Tues, Jan. 4, 9 am** - Staff meeting.  
**2 pm** - Memorial Service for Bill Voth.

**Wed. Jan. 5, 5:45 pm** - Wednesday Evening Pizza and Game Night.

**Sat. Jan. 8, 6 pm** - Deacon Christmas party.

**Next Sunday, January 9**

**9:30 am:** Next Sunday is College Sunday and some of our college students will be participating. Elizabeth Alderfer will be preaching.

**Fellowship Time** following worship.

**10:45 am:** Faith Formation.

**Prayer Requests**

*The following prayer requests were shared on Sunday, December 26.*

- ★ Dawson shared about his experience with Service Adventure in Albuquerque, NM. He has been working with Habitat for Humanity, both with receiving donations as well as with the repair program. He is grateful for the prayers and support he has received from Tabor as well as from the Mennonite congregation in Albuquerque. Thanks be to God!

**Remember to Pray for:**

- ★ the family of Bill Voth, who died peacefully at his home the morning of December 27. Lord, hear our prayers for comfort for Nada, Myron and Phyllis, family and friends as they grieve Bill's death. A memorial service will be held at Tabor on January 4 at 2pm.
- ★ those who are grieving and remembering the loss of loved ones during this Christmas season. Lord, hear our prayers.
- ★ those with health concerns and those struggling with depression during the long winter days. Lord, hear our prayers.
- ★ those throughout the world who are displaced due to recent weather related disasters or the prevalent violence seen world wide. Lord, hear our prayers.

<sup>1</sup>Adapted from the Leader magazine Advent Worship Resources "Dare to Imagine," Epiphany Focus Statement

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for WDC staff in the coming year, as they work to support ministers and church leaders, equip congregations with resources, and encourage church planting initiatives and partnerships.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: MMN thanks your congregation for its generous support of God's work. Continue to hold our personnel and partners in your prayers, as we join to share the light and love of Jesus in our neighborhoods and around the world.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ the new year! May our hearts and minds be open to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit in our lives!

### Congregational Announcements

**Wednesday Evening Programming** will resume on Wednesday, January 5, at 5:45 pm. This will be a church-wide Pizza and Game Night. There will be no children or youth classes and no adult Bible study. Everyone is invited to join us for this evening of fun and fellowship!

**Tabor Wellness:** Thank you to all who participated in our 2021 wellness challenge Fit, Fruit & Faith. Please turn in your tracking sheets to the wellness church mailbox, or email to Kevin at [nickel.kevinj@gmail.com](mailto:nickel.kevinj@gmail.com), by January 2 to be eligible for your rewards!

**The Deacon Team continues to be in prayer** as we search for another member to replace Duane Duerksen. If you are interested in learning more about the position or have someone to suggest, please contact a deacon.

### Conference Announcements

**Mennonite Disaster Service:** The Kansas MDS Unit invites you to attend the annual meeting on Sunday, January 16, at 2 pm at Tabor Mennonite Church. No need to register. We will be sharing and celebrating about the work of MDS and we will be voting on some Unit Bylaw revisions. For a copy of Bylaw revisions contact Cleo Koop at [cleohkoop@gmail.com](mailto:cleohkoop@gmail.com). This will be a hybrid event, in person as well as virtual on Zoom.

**Camp Mennoscah:** 2022 Summer staff applications are being accepted! Applicants should be 18 years or older and in agreement with the Camp Mennoscah mission statement. See website for details.

**Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary:** A Song Leader's Introduction to Voices Together: Feb. 9 – March 22. Join Katie Graber, PhD, and Anneli Loepp Thiessen, MM, in this six-week online AMBS short course to explore how to effectively teach and lead a variety of music, including intercultural and contemporary styles, using the new Voices Together hymnal. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Sign up by Jan. 12 and save \$50! [ambs.edu/songleaders](http://ambs.edu/songleaders)

**Healing & Hope:** A confidential group of women supporting each other in seeking healing and hope after experiencing betrayal trauma (a spouse or partner's use of pornography, affair, or sexual addiction). The group is hosted by First Mennonite Church of Newton and facilitated by Audrey Ratzlaff, M.Div, and Gail Unruh-Revel, LCSW, CST, CSAT. Meetings will be via zoom, and occur every other Tuesday beginning after the first of the year. Please contact the facilitator, Audrey Ratzlaff ([aaratzlaff@yahoo.com](mailto:aaratzlaff@yahoo.com)), or Pastor Laura Goerzen of FMC Newton ([laurag@firstmennonitenewton.org](http://laurag@firstmennonitenewton.org)) for more information.

**COVID Protocol:** Please see the posted COVID guidelines that are currently in place and follow as suggested. Hand sanitizer and masks are available for use.

#### OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

##### Christmas Eve

Offering = \$ 1,013.00 Attendance = 160

Worship Link Views = 36

##### December 26, 2021

Offering = \$ 6,854.00 Attendance = 98

Worship Link Views = 49



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*As God's children and the body of Christ, we are called by God to offer hospitality, healing and hope in the name of Christ.*

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