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Welcome to today's worship service! This year's Advent theme, "On the Road...", conveys a sense of movement, of traveling from one point to another. In the story of the magi from the East, they literally took to the road and drew closer to Jesus with each passing step. This rich imagery sets the tone for the Advent season as we seek to move closer to Jesus, wherever we might find ourselves along the road of faith.

1st Sunday of Advent

Gathering Music		Cindy Penner
Welcome – Call to Worship		Kay Schroeder
Prelude	<i>Hope is a Candle (STS #15)</i>	
Lighting of the Advent Candle		
Songs	<i>Hark! The Glad Sound! (HWB #184)</i> <i>Bless'd be the God of Israel (HWB #174)</i>	Music Team
Offertory		
Prayer of the Church		Jess Engle
Children's Time		Susan Lamb
Scripture	Isaiah 64:1-9	
Sermon	On the Road to Readiness	Clayton Gladish
Song of Response	<i>Life is a Journey (Rich Hostetler)</i>	
Prayer of Sabbatical Blessing for Clayton		
Benediction		
Postlude		

Scriptures for Sunday, December 6: Isaiah 40:3-5,11 and Mark 1:1-8

But we will give ourselves continually to
Prayer
and to the ministry of the word. Acts 6:4

- **Each of us** as we consider what readiness looks like and how we might prepare ourselves to receive the One sent to save us.
- Continue to remember **those facing health challenges and those mourning the deaths of loved ones.**
- **The Ellen Voran family** as they mourn her passing on November 22nd.
- **For Pastor Clayton** on his sabbatical from December 1- January 1.
- **For our friends at Schowalter Villa** as well as their employees. We continue to think of them during this time.
- **Peace and Wisdom** as we navigate these difficult COVID-19 days and find new ways to celebrate old traditions.
- **For Clarity** for whatever part of your journey you are on, and whatever roads are taking you there.
- **Dale and Anita Diener**, brother and sister-in-law of Lance Diener, for healing for Anita for recent health challenges.

During 2020 Mutual Care Funds have provided \$4,000 to assist needs in our church and local community. With a matched Everence grant, this \$8000 financial gift demonstrates our loving actions across the street as we have responded to requests through the Neighbors 4 Neighbors Ministry.

Pastor Clayton will be on a one-month sabbatical for the month of December. He wishes you all a meaningful Advent, a Merry Christmas, and looks forward to reconnecting with the congregation in the New Year. He is thankful for this time and welcomes your prayers for God's blessing on this time

Reminder with our county numbers rising masks need to be worn at all times and in all areas of the church, even if just dropping something off

The **News and Notes** email each Friday contains additional announcements and information.

OFFERING: November 22 (and funds received during the previous week)

Budget	\$16,362.77	Children's Globe (Care Portal)	\$41.00
Pathfinders	\$200.00	MCC Meat Canning	\$200.00

*During this time of worshiping together from a distance, we encourage you to try out our online giving options at www.hesstonmc.org/hmcgive. Or you can mail your check to 309 S. Main, Hesston, KS 67062.

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