



HESSTON MENNONITE CHURCH

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Welcome to today's worship service!

As we continue on the road . . . "on the road to rejoicing"—can we respond like the shepherds, who were able to rejoice on their road— even in the face of fears, uncertainty, and unknowns?

Christmas Sunday

Gathering Music		Ken Rodgers
Welcome – Call to Worship		Barbara Jantz
Prelude	<i>Hope is a Candle STS #15 (vs 5)</i>	
Lighting of the Advent Candles		
Songs	<i>Joy to the World HWB # 318</i> <i>Good Christian friends, rejoice HWB #210</i> <i>Angels we have heard on high HWB #197</i> <i>It came upon a midnight clear HWB #195</i>	*Music Team
Offertory	<i>Rejoice, O daughter of Zion - Handel's Messiah</i>	Marie Engle <i>(mezzo-soprano)</i>
Prayer of the Church		Kay Schroeder
Children's Time		Susan Lamb
Scripture	Psalm 148:1-5, Luke 2:8-20	
Sermon	On the Road to Rejoicing	Jess Engle
Song of Response	<i>With Jesus on the Road (Ritch Hochstetler)</i>	
Benediction		
Postlude		

*Music Team: Kay Schroeder, Marie Engle, Ken Rodgers

Scripture for Sunday, January 3: Matthew 2:1-12

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

- **Each of us** as we rejoice in the overwhelming joy that our journey on the road has arrived at the manager. Jesus has come! Hallelujah, God is with us!
- **For the family and friends of Vera Yoder** as they mourn her passing on Sunday, December 20th. There will be a graveside service on January 3, 2021.
- **For all who will celebrate their first Christmas with an empty chair** at the table because they have lost someone special that is no longer present. May they find peace and comfort.
- **For all those who continue to face health challenges.**
- **For all who will celebrate their first Christmas with someone new** at the table. May there be warmth and welcome and plenty to eat.
- **Pastor Clayton** on the last days of his sabbatical this month of December.

There are currently two opportunities to show care in the church lobby with the Angel Tree and Hesston College Warm Winter Welcome displays.

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

OFFERING: December 20 (and funds received during the previous week)

Budget	\$8,439.08	Pathfinders	\$25.00
MCC Canning	\$200.00	MCC	\$200.00
Mortgage Reduction	\$25.00	Mutual Care Sharing	\$100.00
Children's Globe	\$2.00		

*During this time of worshipping 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.

Budget Update		2020	
Offering Income Budgeted	\$625,000	# of Sundays Remaining	1
Offering Income Received YTD	\$570,271.20		
Remaining Income Needed	\$54,728.80		

*Gifts to be credited to 2020 contributions records must be received in church office or postmarked **no later than December 31, 2020** for Income Tax purposes.*

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