

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

- **Each of us** as we imagine the breadth of God's embrace of all things. As this embrace enfolds us in love, may it also widen our hearts to actively seek and work towards *peace*.
- **Continued prayers for the love and peace of God** to wrap around the Paul Burckhart and Kris Roth families.
- **For Clara King and her family and friends** as they gather for Wayne's burial and memorial service Saturday, December 11th.
- **For others whom the holidays bring out past losses and pain.**
- **For meaningful family time and safety** for our pastors during their travels this month.
- **For college students, faculty and staff** as the busyness of finals, finishing projects, and grading papers begins with the end of first semester.
- **In this season that calls for peace on earth, may we remember persons who are living in places that are in states of unrest caused by war or conflict.**

The prayer room is available all week for those who would like to spend some time in personal prayer (located north of the sanctuary across from the Education Hall).

In accordance with the Harvey County Health Department, Hesston Mennonite Church is **recommending face masks be worn in all indoor settings, regardless of vaccination status**, due to COVID-19, and to maintain physical distancing of 6 feet.

ATTENDANCE: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28: 149: VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE: 50 GUEST BOOK
SIGNATURES + 40 at Villa

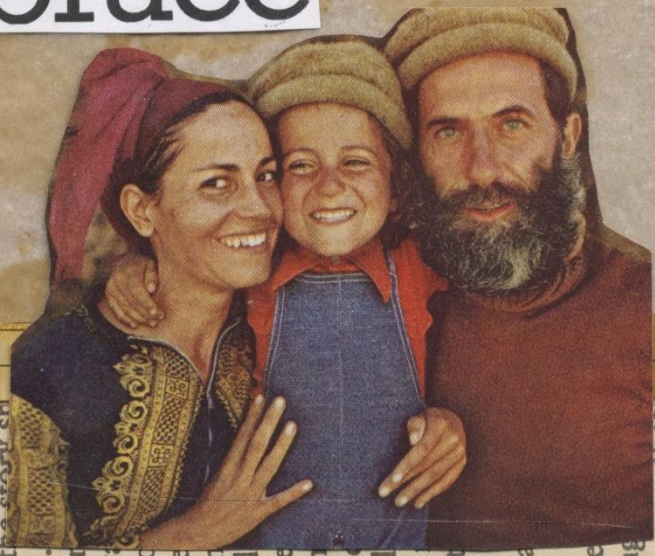
OFFERING: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28: (and funds received during the previous week)

Budget	\$10,155.00	Pathfinders	\$25.00
Children's Globe	\$22.37		

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Joel Schroeder (interim), ext 110		Allan Mast, Max Heddin custodians

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Second Sunday of Advent: Dare to Imagine God's Embrace

Welcome! During this Advent season we dare to imagine many ways God continues to prepare us to receive the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ.

Imagine the wideness of God's embrace of all creatures and creation! It will widen our hearts to do the things that make for *peace*.

Call to Worship

Gathering Songs

Sharon Woodward

Opening Words and Prayer

Mike Lamb

Prelude

Hope is a Candle (VT # 211, vs. 1 & 2)*

Music Team **

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Litany

Leader: We light a candle of peace. And we imagine:

People: God's tender mercy, God's compassion.

Leader: We light the candle of peace to feel God's embrace, God's nearness, God's breath.

People: Imagine that... we are God's wonders, blessed wonders.

Ellie Person, Candle Lighter

Songs of Worship

Blesse'd be the God of Israel (VT #223, vs. 1 & 2)

Solemn Stillness, Weary Streets (VT #276)

We Come (VT #225)

Confession and Assurance

Prayer of the Church

Mike Zucconi

Hearing God's Story

Children's Time

Sadie Kaufman and Kathryn Schmidt

Scripture

Luke 1:68-79 (NRSV)

Eric Schmidt

Sermon

Dare to Imagine: God's Embrace

Jess Engle

Living God's Story

Song of Response

Prepare the Way! The Prophet Called (VT #220)

Community Life Announcements

Offertory

Ken Rodgers

Children bring offerings forward for Anistemi

Sending Song

Oh, How Shall I Receive Thee (VT #182)

Benediction

Postlude

*VT: Voices Together, our new hymnal

** Music Team: Ken Rodgers (piano), Aaron Diller (bass), John Jantzen, Michele Jantzen, Molly Simmering

Scriptures for Sunday, December 12, 2021: Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18