

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

January 3, 2016

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Musician: Ellen Mosiman

Transition Pastor: Randy Smith

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Song Leader: Gladys Reimer

## *Epiphany Sunday*

### *Freedom Bound: the Path Revealed*

Gathering Music

Ellen Mosiman

Welcome and Announcements

Randy Smith

Prelude to Worship

Candle Lighting

Isaiah 60:1-9

Josh Patterson

*O come all ye faithful* (verse 1)

Hymnal 212

Silence

\*Call to Worship

We waited for the Light of God. The Light has been revealed.

We waited for the Light, and that Light has burst forth  
into our darkened world.

**We gather in the Light of Christ.**

**Come all ye faithful, come to the Light!**

Freeing God, because of your faithfulness,  
today we are freed –

freed by the One who is Lord, and  
is God's truth revealed,  
freed by the One who saves, and  
lights the path to new life.

**Christ sets us free.**

**Today we will follow the Light**

**into the new year- freedom bound.**

**We worship God, who blesses the earth,**

**Arise your light has come.**

\*Caroling

*The first Noel*

Hymnal 199

*As with gladness men of old*

Hymnal 218

*O beautiful star of Bethlehem*

Sing the Story 32 (purple)

God's Faithfulness, Our Trust

Psalm 72:12-19

Silence

Ephesians 3:1-12

Prayer

Special Music

Samantha Claassen and Ellen Mosiman

*Still, Still, Still*

Offering and Offertory

Children's Story

*Children to age 5 may be dismissed to the library for child care*

Scripture

K. John Klaassen

Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon

*Coming to Christ*

Communion

The Light of Christ Has Come

The light of the Epiphany Candle proclaims the light of life revealed –  
The light of Christ. The light for our path.

The light not only for us, but the light for all the world.

**The Light of the World in the sign of a star;**

**The light of the world that overcomes the darkness in the world.**

Hope, that in the midst of this world of sin, God sets us free  
from the chains that bind us.

The Light of God is here, shining in the darkness,

The Light of God has come for all the world,

And for all the world to see.

**We will walk in that light –**

***The freeing Light revealed. Bound in Christ. Freed from sin.***

*Arise your light is come*

Sing the Story 30 (purple)

Sharing and Prayer

\*Benediction

\*Sending Song

Hymnal 212

*O come all ye faithful*

Postlude

\*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand.

This morning's offering is designated for Mennonite Church USA.

At the conclusion of the worship service we invite the adults to be seated and take a few moments to greet one another while the children are dismissed to their Sunday school classes.

**The Adult Sunday School classes will begin 10 minutes after the service is over. Everyone is welcome!**

*“Our vision at Grace Hill Mennonite Church is for a revitalized ministry seeking authentic community that honors Christ by:*

*discerning our gifting;*

*developing a leadership team;*

*deepening our core ministries of*

*care, education and hospitality.”*

**Next Sunday** the Seminar Class, led by Randy, will begin a brief two Sunday seminar on an overview of biblical authority and interpretation. Today the class concludes the seminar on the birth stories in Matthew and Luke. The class meets in the fellowship hall and is open to anyone interested in a particular seminar.

## For Sharing and Prayer

**Western District Conference:** As a new year begins, pray for God's vision and guidance for all WDC congregations in their ministry and witness.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Praise God for the Toba/Qom radio station that was inaugurated last month in the Argentine Chaco. Pray that the Christian programming will touch many lives through this ministry that is facilitated by Alfonsina and José Oyanguren, serving with Mennonite Mission Network.

## Church Events

**January 24** Wes and Deb Bergen will share with us during the worship service.

**January 24** Annual Church Business Meeting

**January 31** Randy's Farewell Reception

**February 7** Weldon Martens' Installation Service

## Et Cetera

**The Gideons** annual appreciation banquet is scheduled Monday evening, January 11. Any individual or couple interested in representing Grace Hill can inform Randy or call Curtis Schmidt at 283-6787.

**Mennonite Disaster Service Annual State Meeting** will be held January 17 at 2:00 p.m. at Whitestone Mennonite Church, 629 Crescent Drive, Hesston. Come join us for the annual meeting as we review activities from the last year and highlight projects in our region. Refreshments to follow. Questions? Contact Jordan Miller at 316-212-3255 or [jordan@millerconstruction.org](mailto:jordan@millerconstruction.org).

**The Whitewater & Potwin Food Pantries** are in need of items throughout the year. A basket for goods is located in the foyer by the front entrance.

**Nursery This Sunday:** Katherine Claassen and Courtney Nethercot

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Jackie Moore and Bethany Regehr

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Doug Hiebert and Russell Janzen

**Christmas Eve Offering:** Community Playschool \$568.00

Harvey Co. Health Ministries \$568.00

**Offering Last Sunday:** Western District Conference \$387.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Local Church

## CHURCH OFFICES

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