

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

November 24, 2013

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Song Leader: Pastor Katherine

Musician: Ellen Mosiman

Worship Leader: Pastor Peter

Shaped by the Story: Hymns of Praise  
Grace Hill's Twelve Foundational Scriptures

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

*During this time we spend a few moments introducing our guests. We're glad you have come to worship with us. May you sense God's peace and direction as we meet together with our Creator and Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Call to Worship** Psalm 100

**Gathering Prayer** Sing the Journey No. 125

**Gathering Songs No. 68** *O come, loud anthems let us sing* vs. 1 & 2  
**No. 37** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* vs. 1, 2 & 4

**Offering Our Gifts** Western District Conference

**Songs of Praise No. 71** *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee* vs. 1, 2 & 4  
*Shout to the Lord* – see insert

**No. 86** *Now thank we all our God* vs. 1 & 3

**No. 87** *Great is the Lord*

**Scripture Story** Ashley Enns

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

**Songs of Praise No. 110** *Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing* vs. 1, 2 & 5

**No. 112** *O Lord, our Lord, how majestic*

**No. 99** *We praise thee, O God* vs. 1, 3 & 5

*10,000 Reasons* - see insert

**Old Testament Reading** Psalm 150

**Scripture Sharing**

Pastor Peter

**Songs of Response No. 65** *Praise, my soul, the King of heaven* vs. 1 & 4  
**STJ No. 13** *My soul is filled with joy* vs. 1, 3 & 5

**Worship Music**

Andrew Voth

**Songs of Praise** *Blessed be your name* - see insert  
**No. 100** *Praise him, praise him* vs. 1 & 3

## Responding to the Story

What was meaningful for you from this morning's worship service?  
What questions have you pondered regarding this text?  
How has God's Spirit spoken to you through this Scripture passage?

## Sharing and Congregational Prayer

**Sending Song of Praise No. 118** *Praise God from whom*

**Benediction** Psalm 117

## Postlude

### For Sharing and Prayer

The flowers this morning are for our 55th wedding anniversary which we are celebrating this week. We give praise and thanksgiving to God for His goodness, guidance, and loving care for us and our family during these years we've had together. Dean and Rita Patterson

**Western District Conference:** Give thanks to God who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing – chosen in Christ to be holy and blameless, forgiven in accord with the riches of God's grace, and sealed by the Holy Spirit for our eternal redemption (Ephesians 1: 3-14).

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Corin Wenger is participating in the mission training program of PROMINOA, a mission program of the Argentina Mennonite Church, and helping with youth ministry. Pray for him as he serves through a partnership that also includes North Central Mennonite Conference and MMN.

## Church Events

**Today - It's Beginning to Feel a Lot Like Christmas!** Please plan on assisting the decorations committee as we “bling up” our sanctuary for Christmas. Decorating activities will occur during the Sunday School hour. Decorations will be organized and ready for placement. Children, young and old, are invited to decorate. There will be a new children's tree addition which requires that “special decorating touch” as seen through the eyes of children! Many hands should make little work! Enjoy cider and music as we put some sparkle in the air.

**Today following the decorating** everyone is invited to stay for a soup lunch!

**No Wednesday Night Programming** this week.

**Next Sunday, December 1** The Worship Council is planning a nativity display and carol sing from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Guests may enjoy the nativity display from 5:30 - 6:30. We will have a carol sing from 6:30 - 7:30 followed by refreshments and more opportunity for enjoying the display. We need volunteers to assist with cookie baking as well as serving that evening. Please see Carol (Kendall) Claassen, Kris Janzen, Valerie Klaassen, or Tara Harms-Becker to volunteer. Let's celebrate the first Sunday in Advent with our friends and neighbors!

**December 13, 15 & 17** Grace Hill week at the Harvey County Homeless Shelter. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to help provide food or volunteer.

## Announcements

**Please send announcements** for next Sunday's bulletin to Debbie Claassen by Wednesday morning.

**Mittens/Gloves** - Hands of Friendship is inviting you to bring new mittens and gloves to decorate the Christmas tree in the Fellowship Hall. They will be donated to the Salvation Army, Newton on Dec. 10. All sizes are welcome.

**Salvation Army Christmas Project** Help Hands of Friendship provide for families this Christmas with donations. Make checks payable to Hands of Friendship and bring to Hands of Friendship meeting or give to Joyce Stuart or Agnes Harder by Sunday, Dec. 8.

**The Mennonite subscription list is being updated.** The church has a group-rate policy and each subscription costs the church \$37.00. If you are not receiving *The Mennonite* and would like to, or if you are currently receiving it and would like to discontinue your subscription, please contact Debbie Claassen by December 1.

**You're invited to join "Prayers of the Church"** each Sunday morning from 9:00 – 9:10 a.m. in the classroom next to the kitchen. Please feel free to place prayer requests in the prayer box in the foyer.

**Nursery This Sunday:** Mary Ann Wiebe and Kylee Schunn  
**Nursery Next Sunday:** Joyce Wedel and Katrina Regehr

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Terry Klassen and Dean Patterson  
**Offering Last Sunday:** Local Church \$4,871.25  
**Offering Next Sunday:** Mennonite Church USA

### **CHURCH OFFICES**

Pastors' Office Hours:

Tuesday-Friday 9:00 a.m. – noon, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. or by appointment

**Pastor: Peter Goerzen**

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**Church Website:** [www.gracehillmc.org](http://www.gracehillmc.org)

## Et Cetera

**A Time to Give Thanks!** The Wheat State Manor Thanksgiving Service will be Tuesday, November 26 at 7:00 p.m. at Wheat State Manor. An offering will be taken. Everyone is welcome!

**Join us for an evening of inspiration and joy at the annual Celebration of Hope Dinner & Program to benefit the Harvey County Homeless Shelter,** December 12 and 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hesston Mennonite Church. Tickets are available by calling 283-3729 or by email at [event@hchs-ks.com](mailto:event@hchs-ks.com). Tickets are \$25 before December 2, \$40 after December 2.

**You are invited to join First Mennonite Church, Newton Choir to perform Handel's Messiah** or to come hear the concert. The concert will be Sunday, December 15 at 7 p.m. Rehearsals are Sundays from 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary. The concert includes a 60 plus voice choir, orchestra and the following soloists: Amy Schroeder, Kay Schroeder, Christopher Kliever, and Matthew Schloneger. A free will offering will be taken.

**Start here...and jump into the biblical text!** Join Michele Hershberger and Hesston College students for two weekends as they learn about the Psalms, Paul's epistles and I Corinthians verse by verse! The weekends are January 24-26 and March 20-23 (includes Thursday evening) on the college campus. Call 620-327-8290 to register and for info on costs, discounts and other details.

**Comforter Tops Needed!** The 2014 Comforter Blitz will be held on March 10 and 11, 2014. So it is time to look through your scrap bin for bright and colorful cotton or cotton blend fabrics. We are in need of 60 x 80 (or 82 x 90) pieced tops to use for the blitz. Bring pieced fabric to the MCC Center to be set aside for the blitz!

**The 2013 Harvest of Love Food and Cash Drive for Harvey County** is underway. Food donations and assistance can be delivered to The Salvation Army social service office which is located at 208 W. 6<sup>th</sup>, Newton. Checks should be payable to Harvest of Love.

## 10,000 Reasons

*Chorus:*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul  
Worship God's holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul  
I'll worship your holy name

*Verse 1:*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing your song again  
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,  
Let me be singing when the evening comes

*Chorus*

*Verse 2:*

You're rich in love, and you're slow to anger  
Your name is great, and your heart is kind  
For all your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

*Chorus*

## Blessed Be Your Name

*Verse 1:*

Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful  
Where your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be your name  
Blessed be your name when I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed be your name

Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say:

*Chorus:*

Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be your glorious name

*Verse 2:*

Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be  
Blessed be your name  
Blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be your name

Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise

When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say *Chorus*

## The following books have been purchased from Faith and Life:

Karen Kingsbury "The Bridge" A bookstore, The Bridge, has been there for many people and now they can help the owners.

Andrew Klavan "If We Survive" A book that appeals to younger men plus others. Other books in our library by him.

Chris Fabry "Every Waking Moment" An ordinary woman has an extraordinary gift and uses it.

Cynthia Ruchti "When the Morning Glory Blooms" Characters through many generations have distinct ties.

Rachell Hauck "Once Upon a Prince" Their lives are worlds apart but can they find a solution.

Melissa Jagears "A Bride for Keeps" Story in 1876 in Kansas and the difficulties of life here.

Sharon Cranford and Dwight E. Roth "Kinship Concealed" Two faculty members from Hesston College relate their kinship with the name Mast. Cranford's history goes back to slavery and Roth's history is Amish. How do they connect all the dots?

Ted Swartz "Laughter is/in Sacred Space" Swartz writes about his journey from preparing for the pastorate to becoming a Mennonite actor. He and his partner Lee have given their presentations here; after Lee's death he continues his ministry.

## The following books have been donated:

Debbie Raney "Silver Bells" A Christmas miracle.

Calvin Miller "Snow" 1929 in King of Prussia, Penn. also a Christmas miracle.

Richard Paul Evans "The Christmas Box" Part of the series of Evans.

Christine Lynxwiler "Forever Christmas" Setting is Jingle Bells, Arkansas.

Max Lucado, John Maxwell, Jack Hayford, Bill Hybels, David Jeremiah, and Rick Warren "The Heart of Christmas" Each author has a short devotional about some aspect of Christmas.

Vicki Myron "Dewey, the Small-Town Library Cat Who Touched the World" Dewey knew who needed comfort and a "hug".