

Isaiah 64:1-9

¹O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence. ²as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! ³When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. ⁴From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. ⁵You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. ⁶We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.⁷ There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.⁸ Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Psalm 80:1-7

¹Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth ²before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us! ³Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved. ⁴O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers? ⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure. ⁶You make us the scorn of our neighbors; our enemies laugh among themselves. ⁷Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

CHURCH OFFICE

102 S. Ash, Hillsboro, KS, 67063, Phone 620-947-5662
www.fmchillsboro.com



FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

**First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2020**

“On the road to readiness”

What does readiness look like? How might we prepare ourselves to receive the One sent to save us? May our heart's desire be to make a space to receive the gift that God has sent

GATHERING

Gathering Music		Shirley Baltzer
Welcome, Announcements, Greeting		Doug Bartel
Lighting the Advent Candle		
	“Longing for Light”	Grey 1
*Call to Worship	(Adapted from Isaiah 40:3-5)	Doug

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence.

Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Do not remember our iniquity forever.

Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

*Prayer of Invocation

Hymn	O Savior, rend the heavens	No. 175
“Lights on the Way”	Judy Harder and “Travelers”	

SHARING

Offering		Shirley Baltzer
Sharing and Prayer		Pastor Tom
Hymn	Savior of the nations, come!	No. 17

LISTENING

Scripture Isaiah 64:1-9, Psalm 80:1-7
Message Advent in Israel - Palestine Pastor Tom

RESPONDING

Hymn O come, o come Immanuel No. 172

Sharing the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Coming forward to receive "Food for the Journey"

Words of Institution, and eating together

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn Bless'd be the God of Israel No. 174

Benediction Pastor Tom

Postlude

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL *who are gathered to worship, wherever you are, and whenever you are able to watch this service!*

From the "Sabeel Wave of Prayer"

The coronavirus pandemic has caused a further rise in unemployment levels in the occupied West Bank, especially in the hospitality and tourism sectors. An engineering student from Birzeit University has managed to buck the trend. Issa Haj Yasin has converted some VW camper vans into the first Hotdog Vans in Palestine. His customers are able to socially distance while waiting for their food orders. He is also providing employment for other students supporting their families while continuing to study.

Dear Lord, we thank you for the determination of young students ready to use their skills to start new businesses and help others, even in these difficult times. Lord, in your mercy...hear our prayers.

Concerns have been expressed at an international level over the way the Israeli government is expediting plans to build 1,257 settler homes beyond the Green Line in Giv'at Ha Matos Israeli settlement in East Jerusalem. There are fears that approval plans for this contentious project, as well as a number of others, will be rushed through before a change in the US administration in the New Year.

Lord, we cry out to you for mercy as we see more plans for a massive expansion of settler unit building in East Jerusalem and elsewhere in the occupied Palestinian Territories. We pray that governments around the world will speak out strongly over further breaches of international law. Lord, in your mercy...hear our prayers.

Have yourself a honkin' good holiday at MCC in North Newton! This drive-thru event on Dec. 11 from 4-6 p.m. is a unique way to safely enjoy some delicious Christmas cheer while supporting the worldwide work of Mennonite Central Committee. Each charcuterie box is composed of seasonal artisan meats and cheeses, olives, fruit, mixed nuts and seasonal treats with crackers served on the side. A box serves two generous appetizer portions. RSVP by 5 p.m. on December 4 to reserve yours! Share your Christmas joy by ordering extra boxes to deliver to family and friends. Take a moment and treat yourself this holiday season! Suggested donation per box is \$25. Email centralstates@mcc.org to reserve your charcuterie box today!

Global Orphan Fundraiser is sponsoring the Ball Brothers at Memorial Hall on Tuesday, December 1. They are a gospel singing group that speaks to all ages. You can check out their hit song, "It's all about the Cross," on YouTube. Check out the poster in the hallway for more information. Tickets are \$20, with group rates available.