



SOUTHERN HILLS MENNONITE CHURCH

Topeka, Kansas



Whoever you are, wherever you come from, the Southern Hills congregation welcomes you into our Jesus-centered community regardless of race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, education, physical ability, or other difference.

Sunday, December 3, 2023

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December 3, 2023	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	67:49
PRELUDE	Listen for His Coming	arr. Hayes
WELCOME TO WORSHIP		
Introduction of Guests <i>(Please fill out the welcome pads.)</i>		
Announcements		
*Call to Worship		
*Invocation		
*Hymn	My Soul Cries Out	VT #412
Lighting of the Advent Candle		
Hymn	Now the Heavens Start to Whisper (vs 1)	VT #237
Scripture Reading 1	2 Timothy 1:3	
Children's Time <i>(Children in Kindergarten and younger may go to the nursery.)</i>		
Scripture Reading 2	Genesis 38	
Sermon	Expecting Emmanuel: Tamar	
Sharing and Prayer <i>moments of gratitude and concern</i>		
Hymn	The Angel Gabriel Called Mary Blessed	VT #221
Offering Prayer		
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Offertory	Of the Father's Love Begotten	arr. Wyrzten
*Benediction		
*Musical Benediction	It Came Upon a Midnight Clear (vs 1, 2, 5)	VT #248
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*Please stand as you are able. VT = Voices Together (purple)		
Hearing assist devices are available from the ushers.		

<b>Pastor:</b> Gabriel Pennington <b>Worship Leader:</b> Brian Strahm <b>Piano:</b> Glenna Lowry	<b>Music Coordinator:</b> Carolyn Voth <b>Greeters:</b> Wayne & Carole Stucky <b>Usher:</b> Randy Schmidt
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### LAST WEEK

**Offering:** \$0.00

**Attendance:** 12 in person, 44 online

### TODAY

9:30 am - Worship Service

10:45 am - Sunday School

### THIS WEEK

Dec 4, 5:30 pm - Trustee mtg, Zoom

Dec 5, 9:30 am - Leadership mtg, Library

Dec 6, 6:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Dec 6, 7:00 pm - Chimes Rehearsal, FH

Dec 7, 11:00 am - Christmas Luncheon, FH

### COMING UP

Dec 12, 6:30 pm - Council mtg, church

Dec 13, 6:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Dec 13, 7:00 pm - Chimes Rehearsal, FH

Dec 13, 8:00 pm - Women's Bible Study, Zoom

Dec 16, 9:30 am - Advent Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

Dec 17, 9:30 am - Family Christmas Celebration

Dec 17, 3:00 pm - Advent Choir Festival

### CLEANING

Dec 9 - BJ & Lisa Young

Dec 16 - Doug & Michelle Shima

Dec 23 - Steve & Sue Ann Funk

**Contributions** can be mailed to: SHMC, Box 5067, Topeka, KS 66605

**Next Week:** Rahab, Joshua 2

***Southern Hills Mennonite Church Mission Statement*** (from the church constitution): *The purpose of this congregation shall be to live by and promote, through worship, study, giving and witness, the heritage of the Anabaptist-Mennonite expression of the Christian faith and life in contemporary form. We believe this to mean that a congregation is to be a body of Christians committed to the Lordship of Christ, who, by the power of the Holy Spirit, seek to live lives of discipleship, to practice the ethic of love and nonresistance in all human relationships, and to adhere to the historic peace position.*