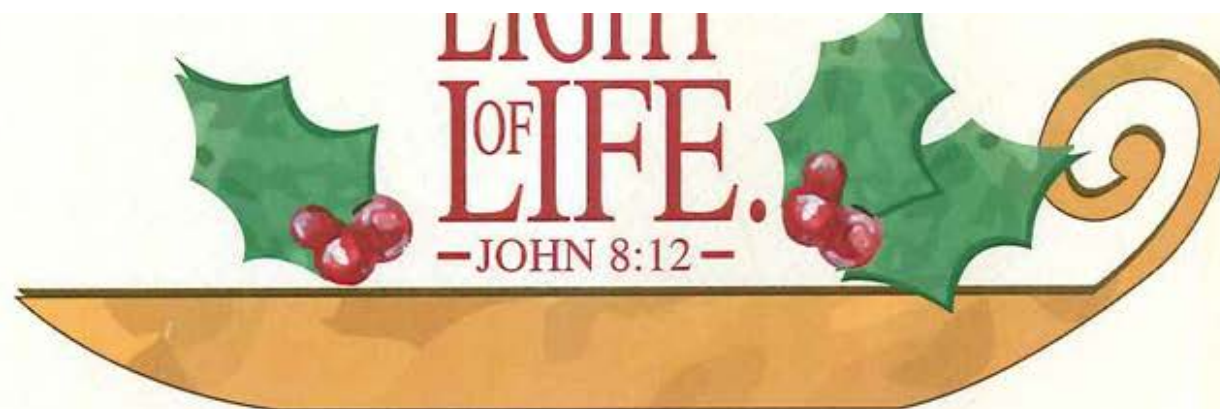


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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT **December 13, 2015**

Prelude

Birthday for a King ~ Neidlinger

O Holy Night ~ Adam

The Candle of Joy

Lighting of the Advent Wreath:

L: The first Advent candle reminded us that the Light of the Christ burns brightly in us so that we become a light of hope to the world.

P: Praise be to God! May it be so.

L: The second candle reminded us that Advent calls us to a fuller embrace of our God, sharing His peace and shining the light of Christ into the world.

P: Yes, and the candle we light today reminds us that hope and peace resound in God's people as joy —

ALL: a joy that becomes in us an invitation to come and behold Christ the

Lord, our newborn King!

L: Today, with the prophet Isaiah, we declare:

P: “Great is the holy One of Israel who has come into our midst!”

L: Today, in this One — in the Christ child — we find joy!

Hymn: HWB no. 212,

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Welcome

Passing the Peace

Call to Worship

L: Sing aloud, O people. Shout out your worship so that everyone can hear!

ALL: God has sent His Son! Our sins have been forgiven!

P: There’s no need to fear, only to rejoice,

L: The Lord our God exults over us with gladness and singing. For, today is a day of celebration.

P: Yes, today is a day of salvation!

ALL: God has delivered us!

L: Rejoice! For God is our strength and our might

ALL: and has become our salvation!

Prayer

Hymn: HWB no. 184,
HWB no. 198,

*Hark The Glad Sound!
Let Our Gladness Have No End*

Time of Offering

The Invitation

Sharing Our Gifts

Prayer

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Children’s Time:

Gaudete

Scripture Reading:

Zephaniah 3: 14-20 (Pew Bible p. 496)

Silent Meditation

Message:

Be Glad and Rejoice

Hymn: HWB no. 201,

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Sharing Time

Congregational Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Benediction

L: Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

P: **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Babe born in Bethlehem, goes with us.**

ALL: Amen.

Musical Response: HWB no. 318,

Joy to the World

Postlude

Worship Participants: Norma Hofer (accompanist), Amanda Mettler (worship leader), and Todd Jones (children's time & message)

PRAYER CONCERNS

- **Pastor Tim Detweiler** (recovering from surgery)
- **Central Plains Mennonite Conference (CPMC):** Pray for our mission partners in the Quito Mennonite Church as they raise money to buy a building to house the congregation and its many ministries such as peace workshops for children and assistance for Colombian refugees.
- **Mennonite Mission Network (MMN):** Early next year, Moriah Hurst will conclude seven years of MMN ministry in Australia. Pray for her as she lives with difficult good-byes, and confides her work into the hands of colleagues.
- **Additional Prayers:**

TODAY

Greeters: Brandon Waltner and Xavier Ward

9:45am: Worship Service

Coffee Time: John and Monica Clem

11:05am: Sunday School for all ages

MW December Project: Cash - MCC Syria refugee assistance

Children's S.S. Fall Project: CPMC Ecuador Partnership

NEXT SUNDAY: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Greeters: Monica Hofer & Clara Koerner

Accompanist: Charlene Friesen

Coffee Time: Phil & Joline Thomas

THIS WEEK

Tues.: 9:15am Pastor-Peer (Sioux Falls)

7:00pm Deacons Meeting (Koerner Residence)

Wed.: 6:00-7:00pm K-6th Grade Christmas Program Practice

6:30pm Church Board

Thur.: 6:30pm "A Jazzy Yuletide" (Freeman Academy)

Fri.: 6:30pm "A Jazzy Yuletide" (Freeman Academy)

Sat.: 10:00am Youth "Cheese Log" Prep

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec. 20: 6:30pm Children's Christmas Program/Family Christmas

Dec. 23: 12:00pm January *Connections!* Deadline

Dec. 25: 10:00am Christmas Day Worship

Jan. 6: 11:30am FNJP (Freeman Library)

6:30pm Midweek Bible Study

Jan. 7: 10:00am Freeman Ministerial

Order your Christmas cheese logs homemade by the Hutterthal Mennonite Church Youth Group. We have four varieties of cheese logs to choose from: Feta Red Pepper (feta cheese, red peppers, and rolled in walnuts), Parmesean/Asiago (parmesan and asiago cheese and rolled in walnuts), Jalapeno (cheddar cheese, jalapenos, and rolled in spicy cheddar crackers), and Honey Dijon (honey, dijon mustard, and rolled in pretzels). Each cheese log is \$9.00. Place your order with any youth member (Xavier, Ian, Tristan, Jaden, Hannah, & Madeline) or youth sponsors (Brandon & Kylea) starting **November 22nd and ending December 16th**. You can pick up your cheese log at church on December 20th. Thank you for supporting your youth group.

Please bring a **plate of Christmas goodies the morning of December 20th** to be shared around the tables with fruit and peanuts provided for our Family Christmas/SS Christmas Program. We hope everyone can attend!

It is time to make the **Greeter Schedule for 2016**. Please let Monica Clem know this week if you are willing to be a greeter (and your name isn't already on the list) or if you would like your name removed from the list. Thank you!

The HMC 2016 Yearbook needs your help: please get all information (schedules - coffee, ushers, PA, etc.) as well as updates for the contact information directory **by Dec. 20**. You may make changes to the directory by e-mailing Edie or by updating the 2016 directory available during coffee time on the table by the historical wall display.

An **offering basket** will be available in the foyer on **Christmas Day** to support the work of the S. D. Mennonite Disaster Service Unit. This unit was active in 2015 in storm cleanup locally and also traveled to Pilger, NE on a regular basis. If you will be unable to attend that day and would like to contribute, you may put your gift in an envelope and place it in the offering plate the Sunday before or after Christmas Day.

CPMC has approached Hutterthal Mennonite Church about entering into a **partnership** with the congregation of Ashland Christian Fellowship. The Church in Ashland is seeking partnering congregations for mutual support and development. The hope is that this partnership will develop into a robust relationship that will foster growth and renew the missional imagination of all parties involved. Our Harvest Mission Fest speaker, James Krabill, challenged us to think about what it means and looks like to be a missional people, not just in our local church and community, but beyond. I would ask that we prayerfully consider what it would mean to enter into this partnership. If you have questions or comments please feel free to contact Todd Koerner.

The Hutterthal Christmas Tree: You are invited to bring a favorite Christmas ornament to worship and place it upon the Hutterthal Christmas Tree in the sanctuary this season. You can place your ornament anywhere on the tree you like either before or after our time of worship together. (Ornaments will be available for pick-up in January)

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