



# Hutterthal Mennonite Church

*Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving*

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 18, 2016

*“Through [Jesus Christ] we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith among all nations for His name, among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ...”*

~ Romans 1: 5-6, NKJV

### **Prelude:**

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath:**

The Candle of Love

**Hymn:** Hymnal Insert vs. 4 & 5,

*Hope Is a Light*

### **Call to Worship:**

L: The Christ draws near,

**ALL: calling us from the waste places of our anxious wandering,**

L: coming to dwell with us,

**ALL: coming to save — coming to take away the sins of the world.**

L: Behold, the Light of the World,

**P: the One whose face shines upon us.**

L: He has looked down from heaven to restore —

**P: yes, to make all things new —**

**ALL: to love us back to life.**

### **Prayer**

## **Welcome**

### **Scripture Reading:**

Psalm 80: 1-19 (Pew Bible p. 313)

### **Hymn:** HWB no. 185,

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

### **Prayer of Confession**

#### **Assurance of Reconciliation**

### **Time of Offering**

#### **Offertory Invitation**

#### **Offertory Music**

#### **Offertory Prayer**

### **Children's Time:**

God Desires Restoration

### **Hymn:** HWB no. 175,

*O Savior, Rend the Heavens*

### **Scripture Reading:**

Isaiah 7: 10-16 (Pew Bible p. 362)  
Matthew 1: 18-25 (Pew Bible p. 509)

### **Message:**

And We Shall be Saved

### **Hymn:** HWB no. 208,

*Love Came Down at Christmas*

### **Sharing Time**

#### **Congregational Prayer**

#### **Lord's Prayer** (debts/debtors)

### **Hymn:** HWB no. 191,

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

### **Benediction**

### **Musical Response**

### **Postlude**

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**Worship Participants:** Elvera Deckert, accompanist; Michelle Hofer, worship leader; Suzanne Koerner, song leader; Monica Clem, children's time; and Todd Jones, message

### ***PRAYER CONCERNS***

- **Lucilla Dewald** (Mother of Glenda Langeland)
- **Larry Hofer**
- **Otto Lee Mettler** (son of Rodney & Amanda, born 12/10/16, 6 lb 9 oz)
- **Additional Prayers**

### **TODAY—December 18, 2016**

**Greeters:** Delmer & Shirley Hofer

**9:45 am:** Worship Service

**Coffee Time:** Phil & Joline Thomas

**11:10am:** Sunday School for All Ages

### **NEXT SUNDAY— December 25, 2016—Christmas Day**

**Greeters:** Vernon & Norma Lee Hofer

**Accompanist:** Norma Hofer

**Worship Leader:** Kim Jones

**Song Leader:** Amy Hofer Vetch

**Children's Time:** Pastor Todd

**Coffee Time:** Larry & Edie Tschetter

***No Sunday School***

### **DECEMBER PROJECTS:**

**MW December Project:** Cookie Walk

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

### **THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday, 9:45am:** Pastor-Peer (Sioux Falls)

**Wednesday, 10:00am:** Freeman Ministerial (Missionary Church)

**Saturday:** Christmas Eve

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Dec. 28:** January 2017 Connection deadline (Hutterthal@goldenwest.net)

**Dec. 31:** New Year's Eve

**Jan. 3, 7:00pm:** Deacons Meeting (Clem residence)

**Jan. 8:** Epiphany Sunday—Worship with Communion

**Jan. 18, 6:30pm:** Midweek Bible Study

**Please note** that we will not be having Sunday school on Christmas Day. Enjoy this time of profound revelation — of Christ's in-breaking — and reflect with family and friends on

the wonder of the incarnation as you gather around your Christmas trees.

**The cheese spreads are in!** Those who ordered cheese spreads from the HMC Youth Group can pick up their orders TODAY!

**The annual Midweek studies will be starting January 18.** We are planning to gather for a light soup meal prior to our study. There will be activities for k-6 grade students and childcare for the youngest children. Please sign up on the sheet in the upper foyer to assist the planning.

**It's time to make out the Greeter schedule for 2017!** If you would like to be added or removed from the list, please contact Monica Clem. Thank you for your interest in this ministry.

**Everyone enjoys coffee time at HMC.** It's a great chance to meet visitors as well as keep connected with regulars. You have the opportunity during the month of December to contribute to the cost by making a donation in the designated "gift box" located in the Fellowship Hall during coffee time." Thank you! ~ Coffee Committee

**An offering basket will be available in the foyer on Christmas Day and New Year's Day** to support the work of the S. D. Mennonite Disaster Service Unit which responds to local disasters. If you will be unable to attend those days and would like to contribute, you may put your gift in an envelope and place it in the offering plate the Sundays before or after Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Checks should be payable to SD MDS Unit.

**On Sunday, January 8, 2017, we will celebrate Communion** together. We encourage you to enter prayerfully into this celebration, asking for God to move in and through the time we share together that we might be both refreshed and renewed.

The Deacons would like to encourage you to consider giving a gift to **the Benevolent Fund**. On January 8, 2017 an offering basket will be placed in the foyer to receive gifts for this ministry. The Benevolent Fund is overseen by the Deacons and is used to offset the financial strains caused by ill-health, work loss, etc. If you know of someone who may benefit from the ministry of the Benevolent Fund we ask that you speak with one of our Deacons: Todd Koerner, Monica Clem, or Monica Hofer. All disbursements are handled confidentially.