



LIGHT OF THE WORLD

— JOHN 8:12 —



**Hutterthal
Mennonite
Church**

Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving

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SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
January 3, 2016

Prelude

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

L: The prophet proclaims, "Arise, shine; your light has come!"

P: **God's glory has risen upon us.**

ALL: We have seen the salvation of our God!

L: Even if darkness should cover the earth, deep darkness cover the people,

P: nations shall come to Christ's light, kings to the brightness of His dawn.

L: Nothing can hide God's glorious light.

P: In the light of hope, peace, joy, and love,

ALL: let us behold our God.

L: As He is the light of the world, we are the light of the world.

P: Let us reflect the brightness of His dawning.

Hymn: HWB no. 199,

The First Noel

Welcome

Passing the Peace

Call to Worship

L: The joy of the Lord,

P: the very Word of God,

ALL: as one of us,

L: be with you all.

P: And also with you.

L: In the beginning the Word always was, and the Word was with God and the Word was God,

P: and the Word became human flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth.

L: And we beheld His glory,

P: the glory of God-with-us!

Prayer

Hymn: HWB no. 203,

HWB no. 218,

Break Forth, O Beauteous Heav'nly Light

As With Gladness Men of Old

Time of Offering

The Invitation

Sharing Our Gifts

Prayer

Children's Time:

A New Year

Scripture Reading:
Silent Meditation

Jeremiah 31: 7-14 (Pew Bible p. 414)

Message:

Proclaim, Give Praise

Hymn: HWB no. 217,

When Christ's Appearing

Sharing Time

Congregational Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Benediction

L: People of God, let your light shine.

P: The light of Christ is in us and among us.

L: Let it guide you and bless you now and always that the hope, peace, joy and love of Jesus may be manifest to all

ALL: to the glory of God. Amen.

Musical Response: HWB no. 219,

Bright and Glorious is the Sky

Postlude

Worship Participants: Dave Friesen (guitar), Edie Tschetter (accompanist), Michelle Neuharth (worship leader), and Todd Jones (children's time & message)

PRAYER CONCERNS

- **Tim Detweiler** (beginning chemo)
- **Frank Wiebe** (beginning chemo)
- **Central Plains Mennonite Conference (CPMC):** Pray for the Annual Meeting Task Group which meets next Tuesday in Des Moines to tour the site and make plans for Central Plains Annual Meeting next June 16-19, 2016.
- **(MMN):** Praise God for the Toba/Qom radio station that was inaugurated last month in the Argentine Chaco. Pray that the Christian programming will touch many lives through this ministry that is facilitated by Alfonsina and José Oyanguren,

serving with MMN.

· **Additional prayers**

TODAY

8:30am: Youth Bible Study

Greeters: Phil & Joline Thomas

9:45am: Worship Service

Coffee Time: Vernon & Twyla Hofer

11:05am: Sunday School for all ages

2:30pm: Worship (Oakview Terrace)

MW January Project: Blankets, Sheets or Towels (see mailbox flyer for details)

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

NEXT SUNDAY: Communion/Benevolent Fund

Greeters: Paul & Priscilla Hofer

Accompanist: Amy Hofer Vetch

Music: LaVonne Tschetter

Coffee Time: Larry & Nicolle Timmerman

THIS WEEK

Mon.: 8:00pm Rural Revival (Freeman Library)

Tues.: 7:00pm Deacons Meeting (Clem Residence)

Wed.: 11:30am FNJP (Freeman Library)

6:30pm Midweek Bible Study: "Why Is Israel/Palestine Holy Land?" (1)

Thurs.: 10:00am Freeman Ministerial

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan. 10: 9:00am Gathering 58: 6

Communion and Benevolent Fund

Jan. 11: 7:00pm Prayer Shawl

Jan. 13: 6:30pm Midweek Bible Study: "Why Is Israel/Palestine Holy Land?" (2)

Jan. 15-16: Conflict Transformation Workshop (North Church)

On Sunday, January 10, 2016, we will celebrate **Communion** together at HMC. All are welcome and encouraged to participate with us in knowing and receiving the blessing of

table fellowship with Christ and one another. A **Benevolent Fund Offering** will also be received. An offering basket will be available in the foyer. All gifts will be used to confidentially assist members who are experiencing acute financial need. If you are aware of such need please contact an HMC Deacon (Monica Hofer, Monica Clem, or Todd Koerner). Thank you!

Midweek Bible Study: “Holy Land” — Our Midweek Bible study featuring guest presenter Pastor. S. Roy Kaufman will kick-off on January 6. We will begin each Wednesday session with a soup supper fellowship beginning at 6:30pm with the study starting promptly at 7pm. A study syllabus has been placed in your mailboxes and includes a list of relevant Scripture readings for each week. *Childcare* will be available. Please contact Pastor Todd if you will require childcare so appropriate arrangements can be made.

Please join us in fellowship for a **baby shower** honoring Rina and Camilla Hofer on **January 10th at 2:00 pm** in HMC Fellowship Hall. Rina is registered at Target and Walmart. We will also be collecting contributions for a group gift for Rina and Camilla. Please give your contributions to Brigitta or Michelle by Sunday, January 3rd. A card will be given to acknowledge all who contributed to the shower and group gift. (See more details in the January *Connection!*)

Edie Tschetter has submitted her resignation as **Church Office Administrative Assistant** as of March 1. If you are interested in, or have suggestions for this position, please contact one of the Trustees - LeRoy Pullman, Darnell Tschetter or Paul Hofer.

You are invited to **recycle** old annual report books and yearbooks. There is a box available by the library.

The next gathering of the **Freeman Network for Justice and Peace** will be in the community room of the Freeman Public Library at **11:30 am on Wed., January 6**. All are welcome! Please plan to join us!

You are invited to participate in a workshop sponsored by Salem-Zion (North) Church and presented by the Conflict Resolution Team of Central Plains Mennonite Conference. The **workshop** will be held at North Church on **Friday, January 15, 2016 from 7:00-9:30pm and Saturday, January 16, 2016 from 9:00am—4:00pm**. The workshop will address such topics as “The Nature and Role of Conflict,” “Conflict in the

New Testament,” “Interpersonal Peacemaking Skills,” and “Congregational Conflict” as well as providing a “Self-Assessment Exercise.” The **HMC Church Board has agreed to pay the registration fee for any Hutterthal members interested** in attending. If you are interested or planning to attend, please contact Pastor Todd to assist you with registration. (**Registration deadline is January 8**)

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