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Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving

Sunday, December 22, 2019

Prelude

Worship Hymns

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming HWB #172 HWB #211

Call to Worship

One: Oh God, our God, we cry out to you.

Many: Asking, will your kingdom of peace be established on this broken earth?

One: Are you coming to intervene, to make whole your divided creation?

All: God, what are you waiting for?

Opening Prayer

Welcome

Responsive Reading

Leader: The word of the Lord had been established for us.

People: Come, let us walk in the word of the Lord. Leader: The Lord has come to each of us God's way. People: Come, let us walk in the way of the Lord.

Leader: The Lord has come to bring peace to all nations.

All: Come, let us walk in the peace of the Lord.

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Confession

Leader: Forgive me, Lord, for not expecting you, People: even when you have tole me that you are

coming.

Leader: Forgive me, Lord, for being asleep, People: even when you have asked me to wait for

you.

Leader: Forgive me, Lord, for my carelessness, **People: when all you have asked of me is to care.** Leader: Forgive me, Lord, for failing to see you,

People: when your face is so obvious.

Leader: Blessed be our God, who invites us to

walk in the light of the Lord!

Worship Music Come, thou long-expected Jesus HWB #178

Children's Time "The Little Town of Bethlehem"

Offering & Prayer

Hymn Savior of the nations, Come! HWB #173

Sharing Time

Congregational Prayer

Scripture John 1: 1-8(Page #560 in pew Bible)

Sermon "The Prologue"

Hymn Hark! The Herald Angels Sing HWB #201

Benediction

Musical Response and Postlude

An offering basket will be available in the foyer for the work of SD Mennonite Disaster Service on Christmas Day and next Sunday.

Make checks payable to SD MDS.

Thank you for your support of this vital ministry.

TODAY - December 22

Forth Sunday of Advent

Greeters: John and Monica Clem

9:45 am: Worship Service

Advent Candle Lighters: Michelle Neuharth

Accompanists: Norma Lee Hofer Worship Leader: Dennis Schrock

Worship Music: Carrol & Glenda Langeland

Children's Time: Barbie Hofer

Scripture Reading: Torrie Zachariasen

Message: Pastor Jack Scandrett

Coffee Time: Larry and Edie Tschetter 10:45 am: Sunday School for all ages

Prayer Requests:

- * Pray for Ken Peterson family as Ken passed away Monday, Dec. 16. Ken served as HMC pastor from 1989-1999.
- * Bekka Kramer recovering from surgery
- * Randy Glanzer recovering from surgery
- * Other Concerns

NEXT SUNDAY – December 29

Greeters: Lyndon & Barbie Hofer

9:45 am: Worship Service Accompanist: Norma Hofer

Worship Leader:

Worship Music: Bandy Lima

Children's Time:

Scripture Reading: Monica Clem

Message:

Coffee Time: Lyndon & Barbie Hofer 10:45 am: Sunday School for all ages



Calendar of Events

December Projects

December 18, 7:00pm: Church Board Meeting

Congregational Ministries:

December 25, 10:00 am:

Cookie Walk

Christmas Service

Children's Sunday School Department:

Swan Lake Christian Camp

Please have all 2020 Yearbook info emailed in no later than December 27th.

Thank you.

Community & Beyond

December 30, 8:00pm: Rural Revival will meet in the Freeman Public Library, downtown Freeman. The education topic for this month will be presented by Myles Brockmueller. He will be discussing his experiences with no-till farming. All are welcome to attend.

Swan Lake Christian Camp 2020 Winter Retreats are just around the corner. Make plans now to attend. Family Camp is February 28–March 1. Families with children, grandparents, singles and young married couples are all invited to attend this fun filled weekend. ALSO, don't forget to sign your kids up for Winter Youth retreats. Dates are as follows: 5&6th Grade Retreat January 10-11, Junior High Retreat January 17-19 and Senior High Retreat January 24-26. SIGN UP AT www.myslcc.com

Join an intentional community with peers, serve with a local nonprofit, and plug into your neighborhood and local congregation in places like Chicago; Washington, D.C.; San Francisco; and Alamosa.

Learn more at www.MennoniteMission.net/Serve. Age: 20+; term: 1-2 years.

Need a change of scenery? Join SOOP and use your gifts and skills to work alongside others in a network of ministries across the church. Flexibility designed for retirees, families, and adults over 25.

Explore opportunities at www.MennoniteMission.net/Serve.

Thank you for your generous giving to Mennonite Central Committee in 2019.

Your gifts help MCC continue work in 53 countries working on 648 projects and impacting countless people. If you're looking for a last minute Christmas gift keep MCC Christmas giving projects in mind or collect school kit supplies with your family (mcc.org/kits)! Check out mcc.org/christmas for online giving options. Contact our office in North Newton, KS for giving in-person, 316.283.2720.

2020 is your year to go on an MCC Learning Tour!

Travel to Haiti March 21-28 to learn about root causes of Haiti's reality and see MCC projects in person. Join MCC Bolivia in celebrating 60 years with two learning tours, May 2-9 will focus on Eastern Bolivia and Oct. 10-17 will focus on Western Bolivia. Finally, you're welcome to travel to Nicaragua, July 20-30, to celebrate the centennial of MCC, focusing on past and present MCC work in Nicaragua and Costa Rica. Contact jordanpenner@mcc.org and check mcc.org/events for more details.



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