



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ centered- Living, Relating, Serving

On the road to repentance

When the heart is moving in readiness,
there is an openness to the “new”
—perhaps the fresh thing God wants to do.
To embrace the new requires a letting go of the past.
Repentance means we are letting go and making
space for God’s new work in us.



Sunday, December 6, 2020
Second Sunday of Advent
10:00 a.m.

Prelude

Call to Worship

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

Save Us, O Lord"

lyrics printed on the back of the insert page
from *Sing the Story* Hymnal Supplement

Sharing Time

Congregational Prayer

Special Music

Medley of

Standing on the Promises,

Are you Washed in the Blood? and I'll Fly away

Children's Time

Scripture

Mark 1:1-8

Sermon

"Repentance - The Way Forward"

Response: Confession and Words of Assurance

Closing Hymn

The Old Rugged Cross

Blessed Assurance

Offering Blessing and Benediction

Postlude

HMC video clip can be viewed at
at www.HMCFreeman.org

TODAY December 6

Second Sunday of Advent

10:00 am: Worship Service

Accompanist: Norma Hofer

Worship Leader: Charlene Friesen

Opening Hymn: by Amy Hofer Vetch

Special Music: Medley by Alan Jackson

arranged by Paul and Priscilla Hofer

Children's time: Les Rensink

Lighting Advent Candles: John and Monica Clem

Message: Pastor Gene

Closing Hymn: by Alan Jackson

arranged by Paul and Priscilla Hofer

11:00 am: Children's Sunday School

NEXT SUNDAY December 13

Third Sunday of Advent

10:00 am: Worship Service

Accompanist: Amy Hofer Vetch

Worship Leader: Larry and Edie Tschetter

Special Music: arranged by Sam and Christy Hofer

Children's time: Les Rensink

Lighting Advent Candles: Joline Thomas

Message: Pastor Gene

11:00 am: Children's Sunday School

CALENDER

Wednesday, December 16, 7:30pm Church Board meeting

It is difficult for us to social distance while we all are either hanging up or retrieving our coats at the same time from the racks in the Ed. Wing foyer. It would be helpful if adults would consider taking our coats into the sanctuary and placing them on the empty pew in front of us. Thank you

It is again time for those who subscribe to **The Mennonite/Anabaptist World magazine** to renew our group subscription. You may be interested in this recently **glossy and updated format** of the combined previous magazines, The Mennonite and the Mennonite World Review. Anabaptist World describes itself as 'an independent journalistic ministry serving the global Anabaptist movement. We seek to inform, inspire and provide a forum for Mennonites and anyone interested in Anabaptism to explore faith and culture.' The annual cost per subscription in our group rate is \$39.00. Please give your check to Charlene Friesen.

Are you anticipating a Long Cold Winter? Then join us for a series of **warm webinars** for a cold season! Each month of this season, the Christian Formation Committee from CPMC is putting together a series of webinars to help us connect, learn, play and pray together. First up, "Building anticipation: Praying the Anabaptist Prayerbook in Advent," on Mondays during December. For more information about this and the rest of the webinars in the series (and for the Zoom link), visit our website, centralplainsmc.org

Join MCC for a series of "MCC and me" webinars to hear more about service opportunities. Are you ready to step out and into service? To gain new skills and experiences while working for relief, development and peace in the name of Christ?

MCC is working to adapt our programming as the situation with COVID-19 develops. All sessions relate to anticipated service needs, though timing and some other details may be subject to change.

- December 9 at 7 p.m. EST: Serving and Learning Together (SALT)
- January 13 at 3 p.m. EST: Summer Service leadership program
- February 25 at 10 a.m. EST: Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP) summer staff
- February 25 at 8 p.m. EST: International service worker
- March 6 at 12 p.m. EST: International service worker
- March TBD: Mobile Meat Canner

For more information and to register: mcc.org/mcc-me-webinar-series-service-opportunities

Parents of future Kindergarten through grade 11 students are invited to an open house at Freeman Academy on Dec. 11 from 2:00-4:00pm. Families have two flexible visit options. Either drop in, visit with Enrollment Director Lynnelle Allison, and get grade-specific information OR contact Lynnelle (lallison@FreemanAcademy.org) before Dec. 11 to arrange a personal tour and schedule visits with specific teachers. Masks are worn on campus. For more information call 605-925-4237.

Swan Lake Christian Camp 2021 Winter Retreats are just around the corner. Make plans now to attend. Family Camp is February 26-28. Families with children, grandparents, singles and young married couples are all invited to attend this fun filled weekend. Don't forget to sign you kids up for Winter Youth retreats. Dates are as follows:

January 8-10-5th & 6th Grade Retreat.

January 15-17-Jr. High Retreat

January 22-24- Senior High Retreat

sign up on line at www.myslcc.com

Prayer Requests and Praise:

- We continue to pray for those who are most vulnerable in our communities in this strange time, as in all times. May God open our eyes to the possibilities for love and for protection of the least of these among us--and may we be willing to heed God's call.
- Help us to hear your voice., touch us once again. Give us the courage to be your beloved. Give us courage to choose joy. We need you now this Christmas season.

Free resource from MCC: Learning about generosity! Help children learn about generosity with MCC printable worksheets including activities, a story, a craft to make and Christmas gift ideas that benefit global neighbors with colorable greeting cards, find it all at mcc.org/generosity. Explore the full list of Christmas giving options from MCC at mcc.org/christmas.

A memorable, meaningful and unique MCC gift to give this Christmas! Grab a piece of MCC history to use in a modern day Mennonite feeding station - your home! Get one for yourself & order more for family & friends. Hang it on the wall in your kitchen or dining room, display it on a shelf or use it as a serving tray! Remember the kitchen at your church, too. Each tray was uniquely handcrafted by an artisan in Siberia using Siberian hardwood. The tray is 16" in diameter and 2" deep. Suggested donation per tray is \$150. Full details & pictures are available at <https://mcc.org/feeding-station-tray>.

Save Us, O Lord"

Refrain: Save us, O Lord; carry us back. Rouse your power and come. Rescue your people; show us your face. Bring us back.

Vs 1: O Shepherd of Israel, hear us. Return and we shall be saved. Arise, O Lord; hear our cries, O Lord: bring us back! (refrain)

Vs. 2: How long will you hide from your people? We long to see your face. Give ear to us. Draw near to us, Lord God of hosts! (refrain)

Vs 3: Turn again; care for your vine; protect what your right hand has planted. Your vineyards are trampled, uprooted, and burned. Come to us, Father of might! (refrain)

December Project

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