



## **Hutterthal Mennonite Church**

*Christ Centered – Living, Relating, Serving*

**Sunday, December 12, 2021**

**9:45 a.m.**

### **Third Sunday of Advent**

**DARE TO IMAGINE:**



**JOY**

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**Prelude**

**Call to Worship and Prayer**

**\*Gathering and Praising**

*Angels from the Realms of Glory* VT #265

*To Us a Child of Hope is Born* VT #259

**Words of Confession and Assurance** VT #809

**Scripture Reading** Isaiah 12 Pew Bible p. 365

**Sharing Time and Prayer**

**Children's Time with Advent Candle Lighting**

**Special Music** *Rain Down* STJ# 49

**Scripture Reading** Luke 1:39-55 Pew Bible p. 540

**Message** Dare to Imagine: Joy

**Offering Prayer**

**Responding and Sending**

*It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* VT #248

*\*My Soul Cries Out* VT #412

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

**\*please stand if you are able**

**HMC Service may be viewed on our web-page:**  
[www.HMCFreeman.org](http://www.HMCFreeman.org)

### **Call to Worship:**

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say: Rejoice!

**People: Shout for joy, rejoice with all your heart!**

Leader: God sings over you. Fear not, for God is in your midst.

**People: Shout for joy, rejoice with all your heart!**

Leader: Sing praises to God - shout aloud and sing for joy

**People: God is in our midst.**

Leader: We listen.

**People: We strain to grasp the sound of God's song.**

### **Candle Litany:**

Leader 1: We light a candle of joy. And we imagine...

**Leader 2: Jubilation! Rejoicing! Do not Fear!**

Leader 1: We light the candle and join in God's song, singing loudly, singing fiercely, singing together.

**Leader 2: Imagine that... we are God's wonders, blessed wonders.**

**Special Offering:** We are having a special offering during the month of December for our Designated Offering Distribution. Benefitting from your gifts will be CPMC, Freeman Academy, MCC, MCC Meat Canning, MC USA, Swan Lake Christian Camp, and Wellspring (according to the percentages listed in the Yearbook). We are grateful for all these organizations and wish to support them in this way.

**Birthday Open House-POSTPONED:** An open house to celebrate Joyce Hofer's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday given by her children, has been postponed.

**Anabaptist World (formerly *The Mennonite*):** If you would like a subscription to *Anabaptist World* (formerly *The Mennonite*) included in our group rate (\$39), please contact Charlene Friesen. Checks may be made out to 'Anabaptist World'. We have the current issue in our Hutterthal library if you would like to see just what this colorful, glossy, and vibrant magazine has for you.

**The Swan Lake Christian Camp December newsletter** is available online at [www.myslcc.com](http://www.myslcc.com) under the "about us" tab. Read about upcoming events and happenings as well as a few Christmas reflections from SLCC staff.

**Little Blessings Daycare at Freeman Academy:** is looking for a patient, loving person to help care for some energetic, fun-loving children. We are seeking full or part-time help. Please contact Director, Wendy Claussen at [\(605\)310-2828](tel:6053102828).

**Swan Lake Christian Camp Piano Night:** Swan Lake Christian Camp is hosting Piano Night at the Lake on January 9, 2022 at 6:00 pm. Pianists will be Russell Adrian (a SLCC alum), formerly of Mt. Lake, MN and now choral director at Hesston College, KS along with his colleague Ken Rodgers. They will provide some duets and individual pieces. Mary Anderson will also be providing music as well as a great meal. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 605-326-5690 or emailing at [camoffice@myslcc.com](mailto:camoffice@myslcc.com). A free-will offering will be taken for the evening.

**Freeman Academy Resident Hall Director:** Do you have a heart for mentoring students, along with strong organizational skills? Freeman Academy has greatly appreciated the Singletary's and Andersons stepping in for this year as Resident Directors, but it is time to begin our search for a new couple to supervise and encourage our boarding students in on-campus housing beginning next fall. Main responsibilities are building relationships with students and overseeing daily life at the dorm, including cooking the evening meal, coordinating student activities, and communicating with parents. Includes salary plus benefits, including health insurance, retirement, room and board. For more information visit <https://freemanacademy.org/employment/> or contact Nathan Epp, Head of School, [nepp@freemanacademy.org](mailto:nepp@freemanacademy.org) or 605-925-4237.

**Holiday Giving Tree:** The Salem Mennonite Church Mission and Service Team is sponsoring the holiday Senior Giving Tree for residents of Oakview Terrace and the Salem Home in Freeman. Trees with gift tags and instructions are located at Jamboree Foods, Norm's Thrifty White and the Salem Mennonite Church narthex. Gifts must be returned to one of the tree locations by Dec. 21 to ensure Christmas delivery. Monetary donations to cover remaining gift tags are welcome and can be sent to Salem Mennonite Church, Attn: Chris Eisenbeis, 28103 - 443<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Freeman, SD 57029. Thank you in advance for bringing joy to our senior citizens this holiday season!

### **Health Update & Prayers for Retired Conference Minister, Tim**

**Detweiler:** Over the last year, Tim Detweiler has been receiving a target therapy for the resurgence of his lung cancer. October tests showed that despite the treatment the cancer continues to grow and has advanced to a new stage. At the beginning of December, Tim was also hospitalized due to difficulty breathing. Among other causes, the target therapy medicine has been damaging his heart and a tumor is pressing on a key artery. With these discouraging developments, Tim has discontinued his daily target treatment, received five days of intensive radiation, and will begin a course of chemotherapy and/or immunotherapy infusions every three weeks for the foreseeable future. Your continued prayers and support have been greatly appreciated by Tim, Carol, and family. Thank you! If you wish to pray more specifically, you can follow Tim's journey at [caringbridge.org/visit/timdetweiler](https://caringbridge.org/visit/timdetweiler)

***Worship Service Notes - Dare to Imagine: Joy***

**TODAY December 12, 9:45 am Third Sunday of Advent**

**Accompanist:** Norma Hofer

**Worship Leader:** Todd Koerner

**Precentor:** Marj Hofer

**Children's Time & Advent Candle Lighting:** Chad and Rebecca Hofer

**Special Music:** Performed by Maria Paff  
Arranged by Norman and Darlene Hofer

**Message:** Pastor Randall

**Coffee Time:** John & Monica Clem

**10:45: Sunday School for all ages**

**NEXT SUNDAY December 19, 9:45 am Forth Sunday of Advent**

**Accompanist:** Paige Zachariasen

**Worship Leader:** Randall Koehler

**Precentor:** Aprille Birkey

**Advent Candle Lighting:** Cameron and Rina Hofer

**Message:** Children's Christmas Program

**Coffee Time:** Phil & Joline Thomas

**No Sunday School following the Christmas Program**

**CALENDAR:**

Dec. 19: HMC Children's Christmas program

Dec. 25: HMC Christmas Day Service - 10 AM

There will be a time of **fellowship and snacks** following the Children's Christmas program worship service on Dec. 19. Thank you to Priscilla Hofer and Twyla Hofer for planning the refreshments for our time together.

**Today** and until the HMC Children's Christmas program on Dec. 19, the Children's Sunday School Superintendents ask that you leave the sanctuary soon after the worship service is over so that the children and other participants can have the most time available to practice for the up-coming program.

**HMC December Cash Project:** medical expenses for Laura Ilunga, international student at Freeman Academy who is hosted on weekends and holidays by the Todd Koerner family.

### **Prayer Requests and Praises:**

- Pray for healing for Mildred Hofer who experienced a stroke recently. She request no visitors at this time but does request your prayers.
- Pray for Joyce Hofer as she continues to recover from illness.
- Pray for conference leaders and committees: for David, Amanda, and Susan, our Central Plains Mennonite Conference Ministers; and Ramiro Hernandez, our CPMC Hispanic ministries coordinator.
- Pray for our sister conference churches here in South Dakota in Sioux Falls and around Freeman.
- Pray for denominational leaders and committees within MC-USA.

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