

Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Sunday, December 26, 2021

9:45 a.m.

Prelude

Call to Worship and Prayer

***Gathering and Praising**

O Come All Ye Faithful HWB #212

O How Joyfully HWB #209

Words of Confession and Assurance

Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 1:20-28; 2:18-21 Pew Bible p. 147-148

Sharing Time and Prayer

Candle Litany and Children's Time

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:22-40 Pew Bible p. 541

Message

Dare to Imagine: Revelation

Offering Prayer

Responding and Sending

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly HWB #206

Angels We Have Heard on High HWB #197

***Benediction**

Postlude

***please stand if you are able**

HMC Service may be viewed on our web-page:

www.HMCFreeman.org

TODAY December 26, 9:45 am

Accompanist: Charlene Friesen

Worship Leader: Brandon Waltner

Song Leader: Morgan Koehler

Candle Litany & Children's Time: Eric & Michelle Neuharth

Message: Pastor Randall

Coffee Time: Larry & Edie Tschetter

No Children's Sunday School

10:45: Adult Sunday School

NEXT SUNDAY January 2, 9:45 am

Accompanist: Norma Hofer

Worship Leader: Todd Koerner

Song Leader: Amanda Mettler

Special Music: Paul & Priscilla Hofer

Candle Litany & Children's Time: Pastor Randall & Morgan Koehler

Message: Pastor Randall

Coffee Time: Lyndon & Barbie Hofer

No Children's Sunday School

10:45: Sunday School for all ages

CALENDAR:

Jan 2: Baby Shower for Pastor Randall and Morgan - 2PM

Jan 2: Deadline for 2022 Yearbook information

Jan. 5 : HMC Winter Bible Study begins on Zoom - 7 PM

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.

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 of these organizations and wish to support them in this way.

Call to Worship:

Leader: Alleluia! Praise Yahweh from the heavens! Praise God in the heights. Praise God, sun and moon.

People: Praise God, all you shining stars!

Leader: Praise God from the earth, sea creatures and ocean depths, lightning and hail,

People: Snow and mist.

Leader: Sing praise to God, mountains and hills, fruit trees and cedars,

People: Small animals and flying birds.

Leader: Let them praise God's name. Let all creation praise the name of Yahweh, whose name alone is exalted.

People: Praise God's name!

Leader: Alleluia!

Prayer of Confession:

God, we bring our brokenness to you - our bodies, minds, relationships. We trust you, the source of wholeness and miracles, to take our fragments, jagged edges, and pain. Bring healing and forgiveness in ways that we cannot imagine. Restore the joy of our salvation as only you can do.

Words of Assurance:

God forgives you. Forgive others. Forgive yourself. Be at peace.

Candle Litany:

Leader 1: We light the Christ candle and we welcome new life

Leader 2: Hurry, hurry, sing the glory! Imagine that... we are God's wonders, blessed wonders.

Winter Bible Study: in 10 days, our annual HMC winter bible study will be starting on January 5th at 7 pm on Zoom. We will be studying the book, *Invited*, by Leslie Verner. Our study will continue on Wednesday evenings until March 9. You can buy your own copy through your favorite online book seller, or you can email the church office with how many copies of the book that you need TODAY! We will be ordering the books this week so that we can get them in before bible study starts.

Season of Stories: A Winter Webinar Series The Christian Formation Committee of CPMC has put together another season of webinars to help us connect, learn, play and pray together. Check out the full webinar schedule on our website! www.centralplainsmc.org

HMC Yearbook: Work has begun on the HMC 2022 Yearbook! A listing of the names, addresses, and phone information is located in the foyer. Please look over the information for your family and extended family members and make any corrections on the listing, by **Sunday, January 2nd**. Thank you, Kathy Pullman

HMC Office Administrative Position: Morgan Koehler has taken over the HMC Office Administrative position from Kathy Pullman. Please make sure you are sending announcements, connection information etc. to the church email at hutterthal@goldenwest.net.

Prayer Requests and Praises:

- Pray for conflict resolution and creative peacemaking in our own communities of Southeast South Dakota as we seek to be the hands and feet of Jesus to our friends and neighbors.
- Pray for Polly Carlson, Anna Lubbers, Ashley Neufeld, Jillian Neufeldt and Claire Waidelich as they are about halfway through their Mennonite Voluntary Service assignments in San Francisco, California. Pray for them as they build on the relationships they have nurtured in their household, placement agencies, and church.
- Pray for war-torn or war-weary parts of our world where violence and bloodshed are intergenerational – places like Colombia, Sudan, Afghanistan, Iraq, Israel-Palestine, Democratic Republic of Congo, Mexico, and Somalia.
- Pray for peace-making groups and organizations around the world who are working hard to alleviate poverty, stand for human rights, and act for peace, such as Mennonite Central Committee, Mennonite Mission Network, Mennonite Disaster Service, and Christian Peacemaker Teams. Pray for creativity and energy for the difficult work of transforming conflict and defusing high-tension situations.

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