



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ Centered – Living, Relating, Serving

Sunday, November 27, 2022

First Sunday of Advent — 9:45 a.m.

Prelude

Call to Worship and Prayer

Welcoming One Another

*Gathering and Praising

Comfort, Comfort, O My People VT #212

We Come VT #225

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5 Pew Bible p. 359

Sharing Time and Prayer

Advent Candle Lighting

Children's Time

Special Music

Scripture Reading

Matthew 24:36-44 Pew Bible p. 524

Message

Watch

Offering Prayer

*Responding and Sending

O Come, O Come, Immanuel VT #210

For the Healing of the Nations VT #705

*Benediction

Postlude

*please stand if you are able

HMC Service may be viewed on our web-page:

www.HMCFreeman.org

TODAY November 27th, 9:45 am - First Sunday of Advent

Worship Leader: Brandon Waltner

Accompanist: Paige Hofer

Song Leader: Morgan Koehler

Children's Time: Kenny Birkey

Special Music: Men's Quartet

Message: Pastor Randall Koehler

Coffee Time: Todd and Suzanne Koerner

Children's Sunday School following the service

**Adult Sunday School following coffee time in the South Room
and in the fellowship hall**

NEXT SUNDAY December 4th, 9:45am - Second Sun. of Advent

Worship Leader: Amanda Mettler

Accompanist: Amy Hofer Vetch

Song Leader: Suzanne Koerner

Children's Time: Kenny Birkey

Special Music: Chad and Rebecca

Message: Pastor Randall Koehler

Coffee Time: Kenny & Aprille Birkey

Children's Sunday School following the service

**Adult Sunday School following coffee time in the South Room
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Calendar:

December 5: HMC Annual Congregational Meeting — 7 PM

Congregational Ministries Annual Meeting following it.

December 18: HMC Children's Christmas Program — 9:45 am

Congregational Ministries Project for November: CASH for Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS): MDS is a volunteer network of Anabaptist churches that responds in Christian love to those affected by disasters in Canada and the United States. While the main focus is on cleaning up, repairing, and rebuilding homes, this service touches lives and nurtures hope, faith, and wholeness.

Call to Worship (from The Leader Advent Resources)

Leader: Hear us, O Shepherd of Israel; you who sit on the mercy seat between the cherubim, we stand in your presence, seeking your face.

People: Shine forth, O Lord, in the sight of your people, that we may see you clearly. Stir up your strength in us; come, rescue us.

Leader: The time is near, we are watching; restore us again, O God.

People: Cause your face to shine and we shall be saved, made whole by your gracious love and kindness.

All: *We are watching and waiting for you, O Lord.*

Candle Lighting Liturgy

Reader 1: Watch! You know what time it is,
how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep.

Reader 2: The night is far gone, the day is near

(Lighting the candle)

Reader 1: As we watch, we light this candle as a sign of our hope.

Reader 2: Bring your restoration to your people, we pray.

HMC Worship Service Notes and Reflections:

What are you carrying with you into the rest of this week from today's gathering? How might you share it with those you interact with?

Prayer Requests and Praises:

- Birthdays: Steve Friesen - November 29; Marcia Schrock - December 1; and Avery Waltner - December 2.
- As the conference ministers for all area conferences of MC USA and MC Canada prepare to gather in San Francisco later this week, we pray for safe travels and formative conversations. We pray also for our sister and brother congregations across MC USA, each in their own unique ministry contexts. Help each of us to be faithful followers of Jesus.
- Austin Roberts, who is serving through Mennonite Mission Network, requests prayer for Northern Ireland, where Queen Elizabeth's death has fueled tensions between Catholics and Protestants. Inflation and the rise in heating oil prices and electricity, a result of Russia's war in Ukraine, add to the unrest. He asks us to join him in his plea for "a swift and peaceful end to this aggression," for the benefit of the people of Ukraine, all of Europe, and the world.

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