



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ Centered – Living, Relating, Serving

Sunday, December 4, 2022

Second Sunday of Advent — 9:45 a.m.

Prelude

Call to Worship and Prayer

Welcoming One Another

*Gathering and Praising

I Believe in God Almighty VT #433

Prepare the Way, the Prophet Called VT #220

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10 Pew Bible p. 364

Sharing Time and Prayer

Advent Candle Lighting

**Lo, How a Rose* VT #216

Children's Time

Special Music

Scripture Reading

Matthew 3:1-12 Pew Bible p. 509

Message

Prepare

Offering Prayer

*Responding and Sending

Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah VT #95

*Benediction

Postlude

***please stand if you are able**

HMC Service may be viewed on our web-page:

www.HMCFreeman.org

TODAY December 4th, 9:45am - Second Sunday of Advent

Worship Leader: Amanda Mettler

Accompanist: Amy Hofer Vetch

Song Leader: Aprille Birkey

Advent Candle Lighting: Donovan & Sherryl Friesen

Children's Time: Kenny Birkey

Special Music: Chad and Rebecca Hofer

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
and in the fellowship hall**

NEXT SUNDAY December 11, 9:45 am - Third Sun. of Advent

Worship Leader: John Clem

Accompanist: Charlene Friesen

Song Leader: Amy Hofer Vetch

Advent Candle Lighting:

Children's Time: Kenny Birkey

Message: Pastor Randall Koehler

Coffee Time: John & Monica Clem

Children's Sunday School following the service

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

Calendar:

December 7: HMC Annual Congregational Meeting — 7 PM

Congregational Ministries Annual Meeting following it.

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

Brunch following the service; no Sunday School

Congregational Ministries Project for December:

CASH for Freeman Food Pantry

The **draft of the 2023 Annual Yearbook** is sitting on the table in the upper foyer. Please check your information and initial by it if correct or make any necessary changes by December 18.

Call to Worship (from The Leader Advent Resources)

Leader: A branch shall come forth from the stump of Jesse; its root shall bear fruit

People: **May we be ready, O Lord, ready to be fruit bearers of your harvest, bringing forth the fruit of dwelling, longing, unity, and peace**

Leader: Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us

People: **Renew our spirit, stand as a banner before us, bright as morning glory**

Leader: Prepare the way for new life that emerges in you and through you, life that ripples out to your people, into all nations.

All: In you, there is glorious rest.

Everyone is invited to stay for **brunch** following the children's Christmas program on December 18. If you are able to provide an egg bake (9 x 13" pan) or a dozen muffins or slices of quick bread, that would be appreciated! Sign up on the sheet in the upper foyer.

Everyone enjoys **coffee time at HMC**. It's a great opportunity to meet visitors as well as keep connected with regulars. You have the opportunity during the month of December to contribute to the cost of coffee time by making a donation in the designated "Gift Box" located in the Fellowship Hall during coffee time. Thank you!

If you would like a subscription to **Anabaptist World** (formerly The Mennonite) included in our HMC 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 a copy of this colorful, glossy and vibrant magazine.

Prayer Requests and Praises:

- Birthdays: Darlene Hofer and Joann Stahl on December 8; Barbie Hofer and Gordon Waltner on December 9; and Otto Mettler on December 10
- From Central Plains Mennonite Conference: We give thanks for all the relationships in our congregations and in our conference that sustain us, guide us, and help us to see the Kingdom of God!
- Cassidy Bush, Anna Lubbers, Rachel Miller and Eli Reimer make up Mennonite Mission Network's San Francisco (California) Mennonite Voluntary Service unit. Pray for them as they join First Mennonite Church of San Francisco in ministries that work toward reducing poverty and homelessness and promoting social justice, education, and health.
- Pray for war-torn or war-weary parts of our world where violence and bloodshed are intergenerational. Pray for peacemaking groups around the world who are standing for human rights and acting for peace

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Freeman Academy's Music Departments will present their Yuletide Dinners, "**A Tree-mendous Yuletide**," Thursday, December 15 and Friday, December 16 at 6:30 p.m. in Pioneer Hall. Reservations are required for the event and are due Monday, December 5. Please call the Freeman Academy office to inquire about reservations at 605-925-4237.

Freeman Academy elementary students will share their **musical program on December 6** in the Pioneer Hall Dining Hall at 7:00 p.m. The 5th – 8th grade band students will share three selections and students in k-6 will present "The Light Before Christmas: A Musical About The Light of the World" by Dave Clark & Jayme Thompson. All are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served following the program.

Flower & Flame, a group of musicians and one actor, will perform "A Christmas Carol" on Sunday, December 18th at 2PM at Freeman Academy in Pioneer Hall. Come and enjoy a show that everyone recognizes, but few have seen presented in this way. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$15. Kids 10 and under are free.

Salem (South) Mennonite church is sponsoring the holiday **Senior Giving Tree** for residents of Oakview Terrace and the Salem Home. Trees with gift tags and instructions are located at Jamboree Foods and Norm's Thrifty White. Gifts must be returned by Dec. 20 to ensure Christmas delivery. Thank you in advance for bringing joy to our senior citizens this holiday season!

Mennonite World Conference is seeking to hire a full-time Development Executive position in North America. See <https://mwc-cmm.org/mwcdevexec> for the job posting.

The November edition of **On the Level** is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. You can view it at the following link: <https://conta.cc/3UEteoj>

Congregational Ministries Listings

We will have a meeting right after the annual meeting on Dec. 7. Please consider which position that you would be willing to do* for the up-coming year.

Celebration of birth
Christmas Gifts
Delivering
Church picnic
Coffee time Coordinators
Family/Children's Christmas food
Family/Children's Christmas
Funeral Committee
Harvest Mission Festival- Food
Harvest Mission Festival- Decorations
Ice Cream Social Coordinators
Kitchen Stocker
Library Committee Representative
MCC meat Canner Food Committee
Nursery
Nursing Home Programs
Project Committee
Service Committee
Serving at the Banquet Coordinator
Showers of Celebration Coordinator
Sending Cards
Table/Chair set-up

*You may volunteer for a position before the meeting by contacting Kathy Pullman.