



# Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ Centered – Living, Relating, Serving

Sunday, January 8, 2023

9:45 a.m.

Prelude *Two French Carols* arr. by Brant Adams

Call to Worship and Prayer

Welcoming One Another

\*Gathering and Praising

*Love Has Come* VT #258

*O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem* VT #275

Scripture Reading Isaiah 60:1-6 Pew Bible p. 390

Sharing Time and Prayer

Children's Time

Special Music *Jesus! What a Wonderful Child*

arr. by Lloyd Larson

Scripture Reading Matthew 2:1-12 Pew Bible p. 509

Message Know

Offering Prayer

\*Responding and Sending

*Love Came Down* VT #255

*As With Gladness* VT #277

\*Benediction

Postlude

\*please stand if you are able

HMC Service may be viewed on our web-page:

[www.HMCFreeman.org](http://www.HMCFreeman.org)

**TODAY January 8, 2023 9:45 am**

**Worship Leader:** Joline Thomas

**Accompanist:** Amy Hofer Vetch

**Song Leader:** Suzanne Koerner

**Prelude:** Audrey Alonso, cello

**Children's Time:** Kenny Birkey

**Special Music:** Men's Quartet arr. by Delmer & Shirley Hofer

**Message:** Pastor Randall Koehler

**Coffee Time:** Alvina Hofer

**Children's Sunday School following the service**

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

**NEXT SUNDAY January 15, 2023 9:45 am**

**Worship Leader:** Kenny Birkey

**Accompanist:** Amy Hofer Vetch

**Song Leader:** Amanda Mettler

**Children's Time:** Brigitta Hofer

**Message:** Pastor Randall Koehler

**Coffee Time:** Steve & Charlene Friesen

**Children's Sunday School following the service**

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

**Calendar:**

January 11: Winter Bible Study begins on Zoom

January 29: Communion during HMC worship service

February 5: Pastor Randall's Ordination Service

**Congregational Ministries Project for January:**

Blankets, sheets & towels (MCC )

## **Call to Worship (from The Leader Advent Resources)**

Leader: O God, by the leading of a star you revealed your only Son in all his glory to the people of the earth.

**People: The manifestation of light and new life, you are Emmanuel, God with us.**

Leader: Guide us into your presence, where we may see your glory face-to-face.

**People: We bring our gifts of service, unity, and love as a blessing to your kingdom.**

***All: Let all the earth adore you, for you are the Lord of lords and the King of kings.***

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This Wednesday, January 11, at 7 PM is the first of our annual **Winter Bible Study** meetings on Zoom. We will be meeting every Wednesday until March 8. "Making Home Again" is our theme. We will be studying the entire book of Ezra over our time together along with discussion questions, brief background comments, and our normal time of sharing and prayer to begin each evening. Each session will be independent of the others, so you can join in on whichever evenings work best for you. The deacons and I look forward to seeing you.

The information for you to join via zoom is below:

Meeting ID: 846 3851 0761

Passcode: 868144

Phone Call to join: 1-312-626-6799

**Thank you** for all the donations and prayers after our house fire before Christmas. Your generosity means so much to our family at this time. Please continue to pray for clarity as we decide what the next steps are for us. - Lynn, Ashley, Donovan, Tyson, & Reagan Birkey

### Prayer Requests and Praises:

- Birthdays: Egan Mettler on January 8 (today), Ethan Waltner on January 10, and Joline Thomas on January 12.
- Please continue to pray for Steve Friesen as he recovers from his neck surgery this past Tuesday morning. The doctor successfully replaced 4 discs in his neck.
- Please pray for Norma Hofer as she recovers from hip surgery this past week. She fell and broke her hip on New Years Eve.
- From Central Plains Mennonite Conference: we give thanks for the pastors and lay leaders who have so faithfully served CPMC congregations this past year.
- From Mennonite Mission Network: In this new year, may we be channels of God's love and light to our neighbors.
- As we think about this past week's winter weather, we pray for all of those who are struggling through this long, cold, and dark season. May we sense the Spirit's leading as we reach out to our neighbors with the love, peace, and hope of Jesus.

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