



# Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ Centered –

Living, Relating, Serving

Sunday, December 10, 2023

9:45 a.m.

Prelude

Choral Call to Worship

*Prepare the Way of the Lord*

Call to Worship and Prayer

**\*Welcoming One Another**

**\*Gathering and Praising**

*Comfort, Comfort, O My People* VT #212

*New Earth, Heavens New* VT #377

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:1-8 Pew Bible p. 527

Sharing Time and Prayer

Children's Time

Worship Music *One Sweet Little Baby* arr. Shawn Kirchner

Advent Drama

Scripture Reading

2 Peter 3:1-18 Pew Bible p. 641

Message

What Now?

Offering Prayer

**\*Responding and Sending**

*Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom* VT #196

*Bless'd Be the God of Israel* VT #223

**\*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 Dec. 10, 2023 9:45 a.m.. Second Sun. of Advent**

**Worship Leader:** Les Rensink

**Accompanist:** Amy Hofer Vetch

**Song Leader:** Pastor Randall

**Children's Time:** Joline Thomas

**Advent Drama Team:** Brandon Waltner and Isabel Waltner

**Worship Music:** Mixed Ensemble

**Message:** Pastor Randall Koehler

**Coffee Time:** John & Monica Clem

**Christmas Program practice during Children's Sunday School.**

**Two Adult Sunday School classes gather after coffee time in the Education Wing. All are welcome.**

**NEXT SUNDAY Dec. 17, 2023 9:45 a.m.. Third Sun. of Advent**

**Worship Leader:** Pastor Randall Koehler

**Accompanist:** Charlene Friesen

**Song Leader:** Amy Hofer Vetch

**Children's Time:** Joline Thomas

**Advent Drama Team:** Larry Tschetter and Emma Johnson

**Message:** Children's Christmas Program

**Scripture:** Luke 1:39-55; Isaiah 61

**No Coffee Time or Sunday School.**

**Following the Children's Christmas program, all are invited to stay for brunch downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.**

**Calendar:**

December 13: HMC Church Board Meeting - 7 PM

December 14: HMC Deacon Team Meeting - 7 PM

December 17: Children's Christmas Prog.—brunch following

December 25: Christmas Day Service - 10 AM

**Sunday School project (all ages):** Freeman Food Pantry, non-food donations. Items can be placed in the basket by the display in the foyer.

**HMC Congregational Ministry Project for December:**

Cash for MCC for Israel/Palestine Conflict Victims

Please give donations to Joyce Hofer, C.M. Treasurer, or place in the C.M. mailbox.

### **Call to Worship:**

Leader: Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with God one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day.

High voices: God is not slow, as some think of slowness,

Low voices: but is patient with us,

**People: not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance.**

Leader: The word of our God will stand forever.

**People: How shall we live while we wait for salvation?**

*(pause)*

***All: Together we wait.***

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### **Benediction Litany:**

One: Together we wait.

**Many: God is patient with us, but how do we prepare while we're waiting?**

One: Go, beloved, and while you wait for these things, strive to be found by God at peace. Do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.

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Everyone enjoys **coffee time** at HMC. It's a great chance to meet visitors and connect with regulars. In December, you can contribute to the cost by making a donation in the designated "gift box" located in the Fellowship Hall during coffee time.

Thank you! - Coffee Time Committee

Everyone is invited to stay for **brunch following the children's Christmas program** on December 17. If you are able to provide an egg bake (9 x 13" pan), a dozen muffins, or a quick bread, that would be appreciated! Sign up on the sheet in the upper foyer.

The Deacons and pastor invite you to **come to church on Christmas Day** at 10 AM for a simple, joy-filled celebration of Jesus Christ's birth that will include the entire Christmas narrative and numerous classic Christmas carols for all to enjoy.

### Prayer Requests and Praises:

- **Birthday:** Otto Mettler on December 10 (today).
- This Advent season, we hear the stories of those who have been waiting... for restoration, for vindication, for hope. We, too, have been those who wait. While we may sometimes feel discouraged or uncertain about when or how God will act, like those in our Scriptures, we are called to live and move in the world as God's people. Even as we wonder "How long?," we begin to ask "What next? What shall we do while we wait?"
- Continue to pray for all those affected by Megan Rollag's recent passing in a car accident. Pray especially for the families of Tabitha Schoenwald and Shane Rollag as they continue to journey through the immensity of loss, grief, and longing.
- Pray for the children, their parents, and the directors and coordinators who are practicing, preparing, and getting the annual Children's Christmas Program, *The Bethlehem Project*, into its final form for next Sunday.
- Pray for our sister churches in South Dakota: Sermon on the Mount in Sioux Falls and Bethany, House Church of Freeman, Salem and Salem-Zion in Freeman.

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