



Salem Mennonite Church

A Congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

28103 443rd Ave
Freeman, SD 57029-5840

(605) 925-4553
southchurch@goldenwest.net
southchurchsd.org

December 20, 2020 – Third Sunday of Advent “On the road to revelation”

I. GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

(9:15-9:30) Gathering

- <https://zoom.us/j/278905019>
- Or phone call-in # (312) 626-6799 and Meeting ID: 278 905 019
- One-Tab Mobile (iPhone) +16699009128,,278905019#

Prelude

“What is This Lovely Fragrance” – arr Manz
“Let all Together Praise our God” – arr. Bach

Choral Call to Worship

“People Look East” – arr. Courtney
(Dec. 10, 2017)

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Responsive Call to Worship:

Leader: We will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;

People: we will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

Leader: We declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

People: your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

All: You are our Father, our God, and the Rock of our salvation!

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

“Away in a Manger” – HWB #194

Lighting of the Advent Candle

“Bethlehem Processional” – Choplin
(Dec. 18, 2016)

Confession and words of assurance:

Leader: God, you come to us with the words “Do not be afraid.”

People: Yet we cower and live in anxiety and fear.

Leader: We lack faith and trust in your ways.

People: We want to respond like Mary, “I am your servant.”

All: Give us humble, willing hearts to follow your call.

II. HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Time

Hearing the Word

Luke 1:26

Dramatic Monologue

"The Birth of Jesus Revealed"

Sermon:

"On the road to Revelation"

Anthem

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing" – arr. Raney
(Dec. 16, 2018)

III. RESPONDING TO JESUS CHRIST

Announcements & Offerings

- Today's **Worship offering** is for Freeman Academy
- Today's **Sunday school offering** is for AMBS/EMS
- **Children's Offering** is for Oyate Concern Christian School

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

IV. SENT WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Sending Hymn

"Silent Night" – HWB #193
(verse 1 in German, verse 1 in English)

Spoken Benediction

People of God, people on the road:

As you go forth, find rest and security in the knowledge that the God you serve is faithful, a God whose promises will be fulfilled.

Postlude

"In dulci jubilo"

Worship Leader: Brennan Waltner; **Speaker:** Pastor David; **Musicians:** Debra Schmeichel (organ), Musicians: Chancel Choir, Donna Ries director, Linda Schrag and Anne Waltner, accompanists; **Monologue:** Ashley Julius, **Children's Time:** Polly Carlson; **Candle Lighters:** Kris Carlson and Pastor David

WORSHIP OFFERING

Worship Offering Next Sunday (12/27)

General Fund

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING

Offering Next Sunday (12/27)

Student Tuition Sharing Fund

THE CHURCH AT WORK

TODAY

We welcome all who are worshipping with us this morning both in person and on Zoom!

THIS WEEK

Mon. (21st), 1PM – 2PM – Visitation for Esther Mandel at Walter's Funeral Home



Worship with South Church via Zoom Christmas Eve | 7 PM

A service blending newly recorded video segments by our Children's Sunday School Department & their families with audio, video & images of past Christmas Eve services

Christmas Day | 10:30 AM

A worship service including the video of the December 13, 2015 South Church Choirs Concert

Join us for both of these special times of worship, fellowship, & reflection!

Find the zoom link posted at SouthChurchSD.org or in the bulletin under **GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

NEXT SUNDAY, December 27, The Fifth Sunday of Christmas

Speaker: Pastor David; **Worship Leader:** Norm Kaufman; **Musicians:** Heather Haggerty (organ)

COMING EVENTS

- January 6 – Monthly Day of Prayer & Fasting
- January 7 – Zoom Deacon Board Meeting
- January 8-10 – 5th & 6th Grade Winter Retreat
- January 13 – Christian Formation Meeting
- January 15-17 – Junior High Winter Retreat
- January 22-24 – Senior High Camp

SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

CD Recordings: If you or someone you know is unable to join us in worship on Zoom or in person, and would like to receive a CD recording copy of our worship services, please let Jay, or a deacon know and we will make arrangements to make a weekly copy for you.

If you would like to donate a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one during this holiday season, please contact Cheryl at 925-4204.

It has been suggested that we remember the birthdays of our members who are in care facilities or those who need to stay in their home during this time.

December

18th – Phyllis Reimer, PO Box 63, Freeman, SD 57029

COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

North Church will be livestreaming their 2018 choirs program **tonight** at 7:00 p.m. and everyone is invited to watch. Here is the link: <https://youtu.be/6wHZpKXHrxw>

Swan Lake Christian Camp 2021 Winter Retreats are just around the corner. Make plans now to attend. Don't forget to sign your kids up for Winter Youth Retreats. Dates are: 5th & 6th grade retreat – January 8-10, Junior High – January 15-17 & Senior High – January 22-24. Family Camp is February 26-28. Families with children, grandparents, singles and you married couples are all invited to attend this fun filled weekend. You can sign up online at www.myslcc.com

Sunday Morning Worship – 9:30am (in person & Zoom) No Sunday School at this time

Office Hours – Wednesday - Friday 9:30-12:30; bulletin deadline – 9:30 a.m. Friday

Amy Waltner, Administrative Assistant (southchurch@goldenwest.net) 925-4553

David Erdman, Interim Pastor 605 350-7231

Bob Engbrecht, Pastor 648-3017/659-4331