



Salem Mennonite Church

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December 4, 2022 – Second Sunday of Advent

I. GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

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Prelude

“The Holly and the Ivy/Away in a Manger”
“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”

Call to Worship

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 and through you,
life that ripples out to your people, into all nations.

All: *In you there is glorious rest.*

Opening Prayer

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Opening Hymn

“Angels we Have Heard on High” – HWB #197

II. HEARING GOD’S WORD

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Leader: John the Baptist proclaimed,
“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

**People: Prepare the way of the Lord,
make God’s paths straight.**

Congregational Song

“Light a Candle in the Night”

Leader: As we prepare, we light this candle as a sign of peace.

People: **Bring your restoration to your people, we pray.**

Children’s Time

Anthem

“O Come to Us, Emmanuel” – Martin

Scripture

Isaiah 11:1–10; Psalm 72:1–7, 18–19
Romans 15:4–13; Matthew 3:1–12

Sermon

“Prepare the way of the Lord”

III. RESPONDING TO JESUS CHRIST

Announcements & Offerings

- Today’s **Worship offering** is for Harvest Thank Offering
- Today’s **Sunday school offering** is for Salem Sunday School
- **Children’s Offering** is for Oyate Concern Christian School

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

IV. SENT WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Closing Hymn

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” – HWB #176

Spoken Benediction

May you go out in peace, preparing the way, as people of the story of God’s restoration.

Postlude

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Greeters: Bob & Cheryl Wollmann; **Musicians:** Brad Anderson (pianist), Madelyn Anderson (ukulele), Men’s Choir; **Worship Leader:** Brent Mutchelknaus; **Candle Lighter:** Barb Tieszen; **Children’s Time:** Brent Brockmueller; **Speaker:** Pastor Jack; **Coffee:** Class #19

THE CHURCH AT WORK

TODAY

We welcome all who are worshiping with us this morning! Coffee is available in the fellowship hall following the worship service.

In a world where power holds sway, Jesus will judge differently. We are called to prepare the way for this new kind of ruler. This calls for repentance and truth-telling.

Something to meditate on: What do you need to clean or discard as you prepare for this different kind of king?

Please join us for a farewell potluck meal for Pastor Jack & Cathy following Sunday school. The annual meeting will follow the meal at 1:30.

The theme for CPMC Annual Meeting held in June was “Come to the Table.” Each church was asked to bring a piece of wood and a table would be built from the wood collected. Today, that table is on display in the fellowship hall.

THIS WEEK

Wed. (7th), 6:30 p.m. – Handbells

7:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir, Youth Group

8:15 p.m. – Men’s Choir, Ladies’ Ensemble

NEXT SUNDAY, December 11, Third Sunday of Advent

Speaker: Pastor Jack; **Worship Leader:** Margie Waltner; **Musicians:** Heather Haggerty (organist), Bells; **Greeters:** Bob & Cheryl Wollmann; **Candle Lighters:** Ben & Bailey Carlson; **Children’s Time:** Brent Brockmueller; **Coffee:** Class #19

Worship offering is for Mennonite Disaster Service

Sunday school offering is for Members in Mission

Children’s Offering is for Oyate Concern Christian School

Scriptures to read: Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:5-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

COMING EVENTS

December 21 – Youth Group, Bring A White Elephant Gift & Your Favorite Snack

December 24 – Combined Sunday school & Choir Program

SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

The Mission and Service Team 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, Norm’s Thrifty White and our church narthex. Gifts must be returned by Dec. 20 to ensure Christmas delivery. Monetary donations to cover remaining gift tags are welcome, and can be given to Chris Eisenbeis, earmarked “Senior Giving Tree”. Thank you in advance for bringing joy to our senior citizens this holiday season!

Christmas cards are in the fellowship hall for you to sign until December 18.

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.

COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

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.

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.

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.

Swan Lake Christian Camp 2023 Winter Retreats are just around the corner. Make plans now to attend. Retreat dates are: 5th & 6th grade – January 20-22, Junior High – January 13-15 and Senior High January 6-8.

Do you know when many of your ancestors came to America? 1874. This is 2022; that’s almost 150 years later. The Schweitzers and their descendants want to celebrate. We’ve scheduled August 23-25, 2024, at Eden Mennonite Church near Moundridge KS as the place. We’re calling this event “Schweitzers and Friends” to include others with similar history. Put the date on your calendar. You are invited. You can be a part. Coordinator Danielle Goering would like to hear your ideas (wgdg@cox.net or 602-448-7215). This celebration may include learning more about our history, telling stories, singing, eating some favorite foods, watching wheat harvested, and much more as well as being with relatives and friends. What a celebration we will have!

Sunday Morning Worship – 9:30am/ Sunday School – Following Worship
Office Hours – Wednesday - Friday 9:30-12:30; bulletin deadline – 9:30 a.m. Friday
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