



Salem Mennonite Church

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Think About Noble, Admirable Things

I. GATHERED IN CHRIST'S LIGHT

Prelude

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" – Young

Hymn of Praise

"For the Beauty of the Earth" blue HWB #89

Welcome & Call to Worship

Children's Focus

Offering Financial Gifts

Swan Lake Christian Camp (SLCC)
"Steal Away" – arr. Lorenz

II. RECEIVING GOD'S WORD

Hearing Scripture

Philippians 4:1-9

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

⁶ Do not be anxious about anything,
but in every situation, by prayer and petition,
with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, **whatever is true,
whatever is noble,
whatever is right,
whatever is pure,
whatever is lovely,
whatever is admirable**

—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about *such* things.

⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me —**put it into practice**. And the God of peace will be with you.

Sermon

"Elevating Our Focus"

III. RESPONDING TO JESUS AS LORD

Affirmations of Faith

“The Perfect Wisdom of Our God” – arr. Shackley

“We believe...” blue HWB # 713

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

- ❖ We pray for Christ’s companionship and comfort for **Jake & Irene Gross with Irene’s move to Oakview Terrace**; in their time of transitioning apart may they clearly hear God’s reassurance: *“I will never leave you nor forsake you”* (Hebrews 13:5, using Deut. 31:6).
- ❖ We pray for the Holy Spirit’s gift of perseverance and courage for young adult **Casey Osborne** (son of former member Liz Preheim) as he continues with chemotherapy, as well as the **nearly two dozen South Church members experiencing recent surgeries or hospitalizations, significant diagnoses or ongoing treatments**; may our Good Shepherd *“lead them through the darkest valleys of deathly shadow...to quiet pastures and still waters”* (Psalm 23).
- ❖ We pray God’s **protection of life for our Christian sisters and brothers suffering extremist Boko Haram violence in Nigeria** but who are now also banned from travel to the U.S. for refuge; may the Spirit of Jesus change hearts of American leaders toward the country with Africa’s largest Christian population; and may these suffering Nigerian’s know that, *“theirs is the kingdom of heaven...for blessed are they who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake”* (Matt. 5:10).

Prayer Hymn

“Nothing is Lost on the Breath of God” purple SS #121

IV. SENT WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Spoken Blessing

Postlude

“Prayer” - Franck

Greeters: Peg Waltner & Maynard Yoder; **Musicians:** Heather Haggerty (organ), Ladies’ Ensemble; **Worship Leader:** Erika Detweiler; **Speaker:** Pastor Nick; **Nursery:** McKayla Preheim; **Coffee:** Southeast #19

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING

Adult S.S. Offering Today

Gideons

Offering Next Sunday

Community Gardens

Children’s S.S. Offering

Community Gardens

THE CHURCH AT WORK

TODAY

We welcome all who have come to worship with us this morning! Please take time to greet others, invite them to Sunday school, and grab some coffee.

6:00 p.m. – The film "Of Gods and Men" will be shown. Based on a true story of eight French Christian monks in Algeria from 1993 to 1996; they lived in harmony among their Muslim neighbors until fear swept through their region because of an Islamic fundamentalist group killing. There will be a brief discussion at the end; light refreshments will be served.

THIS WEEK

Tues. (11th), 7:30 p.m. – Racism Webinar (see **SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES**)

Wed. (12th), 6:30 p.m. – Handbells, **7:30 p.m.** – Chancel Choir

8:30 p.m. – Men's Choir

Thur. (13th) – Serving at the Yankton Banquet

Sat. (15th), 10:00 a.m. – Men's Bible Study at the Freeman Public Library (donuts will be provided, bring your own beverage)

7:00 p.m. – Bel Canto Singers Concert with FA Concert Choir

NEXT SUNDAY, February 16

Speaker: Pastor Nick; **Worship Leader:** Brent & Angie Brockmueller; **Musicians:** Erika Detweiler (piano), Men's Choir; **Greeters:** Chantel Hofer & Peg Waltner; **Offering:** Freeman Academy; **Nursery:** Libby Miller; **Coffee:** Southeast #19

COMING EVENTS

February 19 – Youth Supper & Bible Study

February 22 – Men's Bible Study

February 24 – Deacon Board Meeting

SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

It is with heartfelt "thanks" to all who remembered me with cards, phone calls, and in house visits by Pastors Bob and Nick; it made my day go faster and reminded me again of the sincere care you give to one another. May God bless you in a special way today. Arlen Miller

Souper Bowl Sunday Update: Thanks to the generosity of this church community, the Bethany Food Pantry & Turner County Food Pantry will each receive a check for \$2,194.00! Thank you once again for making Souper Bowl Sunday such a success!

This is the last Sunday the box will be out for collecting your suggestions on Pastoral Search Committee members.

Recovering from Racism Webinars 7:30pm Tues., Feb. 11, 18 & 25 – Join us in our conference room for CPMC’s Outreach & Service Committee webinar on racism hosted by Drick Boyd, Professor of Social Transformation at Eastern University in Pennsylvania. The three-part series will be held at 7:30 pm on successive Tuesdays in February, the 11th, 18th, and 25th. Each session will include a 45-minute presentation and time for discussion and questions. We encourage wide participation on this crucial faith issue.

Kids of all ages & their families are invited to a half-hour Read-Aloud celebration here at South Church on Wednesday night, February 12, at 6:30 p.m. We’ll be connecting and celebrating with other groups of readers throughout Central Plains Mennonite Conference. Come ready to enjoy three books that are part of the Shalom Readers Club collection.

The sign-up sheet for serving at the Yankton Banquet on Thurs., Feb. 13 is on the narthex table. Monetary donations for groceries are also welcome and may be given to Chris Eisenbeis earmarked for The Banquet

COMMUNITY & BEYOND

Needed: Your 2020 Peace Mug Nominations – Know someone who has demonstrated Jesus’s way of peacemaking? Nominate them for the Annual Peace Mug Award at Central Plains Mennonite Conference’s Annual Meeting! Send you nomination to Peace & Justice Task Group member Jane Yoder-Short (wilmajane17@gmail.com) by Friday, March 6th. Please include their name, contact information, and a simple description of why you’re nominating them.

A Valentine’s Banquet will be held at Swan Lake Christian Camp on Sunday February 16, 2020 at 6:00 pm. Please reserve your seat by calling 605-326-5690 or emailing campoffice@myslcc.com. A free will offering will be taken.

SCHMECKFEST NOTES

In preparation for Schmeckfest, cheese pockets will be made on Feb. 11 & 18 in the PH kitchen starting at 9:00. Snow date is February 25.

Kuchen baking days are scheduled for Feb. 21 in Tyndall (snow date March 6) and Feb. 27, 28, 29 in the PH Dining Hall kitchen, starting at 9:00 a.m. Filling will be made Feb. 20 and 26 in the Dining Hall kitchen, starting at 1:00 p.m. Donations of fruit or money to buy fruit would be much appreciated. Please contact Debra Schmeichel if you are willing to help any of those days. (648-3430, ssag@goldenwest.net) Thank you!

Sunday Morning Worship – 9:30am/ Sunday School – Following Worship
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