



Salem Mennonite Church

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I. HEARING GOD'S WORD

(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 variations on "Ash Grove" – arr. Cherwien

Choral Call to Worship "Wana Baraka" – arr. Shawn Kirchner (2010)

Welcome & Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Greeting One Another

Opening Hymn "What a Friend we Have in Jesus" – MH #337

II. HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading **Philippians 2:12-13**

¹²Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Sermon "My Partnership With God"

Anthem "God is Near" – Samuel Koch (2017)

III. RESPONDING TO JESUS CHRIST

Announcements & Offerings

- ❖ Worship Offering – Central Plains Mennonite Conference
- ❖ Sunday School Offering – Swan Lake Christian Camp

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

IV. SENT WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Sending Hymn

“I Need Thee Every Hour” – MH #578 (vs. 1-3)

Spoken Benediction

Hebrews 13:20-21

Choral Benediction

“Take My Life” – J. Aaron McDermid (2010)

Postlude

“Now Thank We All Our God” – Cruger

Worship Leader: Rolf Olson; **Speaker:** Pastor David; **Musicians:** Debra Schmeichel (organ), **Today's Special Music:** Hesston College Bel Canto Singers. Andy Miller from the South Church was a member of the choir in 2010. The choir video includes Hannah Yoder and Sarah OeschMiller, both from our church (pictured front left and right of director) recorded in 2017.

WORSHIP OFFERING

Worship Offering Next Sunday (10/22)

Ecuador Partnership

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING

Offering Next Sunday (11/15)

Heritage Hall Archives

THE CHURCH AT WORK

TODAY

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

7:00 p.m. - Pastor David's study on Biblical Prophecy and God's plan for the future, continues in the fellowship hall. The Bible study will conclude Nov. 22.

THIS WEEK

Mon. (16th), 7:30 p.m. – Leadership Team Zoom Meeting

Thurs. (19th), 7:30p.m. – Mission & Service Meeting

NEXT SUNDAY, November 22

Speaker: Pastor David; **Worship Leader:** Cheryle Gering; **Musicians:** Sharon Waltner (organ)

COMING EVENTS

November 22 – Bible Study

November 29 – Celebrating Our Baptismal Candidates and Communion

December 1 – Deacon Board Meeting

December 2 – Monthly Day of Prayer & Fasting, Youth Bible Study

SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

Tomorrow night's webinar at 7 PM will focus on best practices for leading children's stories! If you're in charge of or occasionally present the children's story during worship services, join others in CPMC to learn and share best practices. Now with Zoom, prerecorded and live-streamed services, we have new opportunities for creativity. Stan Harder, chair of the Christian Formation Committee, will host this Zoom event to inspire your imagination and provide suggestions on making your children's times memorable and relevant. Find the Zoom link for Monday, November 16, at centralplainsmc.org under "upcoming events."

Written reports should be turned in to Rachel Waltner ASAP.

Pastor David welcomes visitors anytime. Please call ahead to make sure he is in the office.

Arlen Miller continues to deal with an aggressive form of prostate cancer. He recently finished radiation treatments but the cancer continues to spread. More decisions lie ahead for Arlen and Florence, and they request your prayers for wisdom, courage, and faith.

***Salt & Light* Adult Bible study/Sunday school materials** (including large print & teacher's editions) for the winter quarter are now available in the church narthex. Please help yourself! *Rejoice!* & *Quiet Hour* devotionals can be found there, as well. You'll find additional commentary & videos to accompany the new *Salt & Light* series - along with a broad range of other faith formation resources for children & adults - linked at SouthChurchSD.org.

Join us for Sunday School! We currently have three adult classes meeting via Zoom following the worship service on Sunday mornings. If you'd like to participate, email the church office at southchurch@goldenwest.net to receive contact information for accessing a class. Classes have been focusing on the new *Salt & Light* curriculum & providing time for sharing among the participants. If you'd be interested starting a new Zoom class, you're welcome to do that, too! Zoom has provided us with the wonderful opportunity of being able to remain connected while also practicing physical distancing. And, it also allows us the privilege of being able to include those who live miles away!

During the season of Advent, the worship planning team would like to encourage all members who plan to worship via Zoom, to create an Advent wreath for your home, and to join in lighting the candles during that part of the service each Sunday! This will be one way we can join our hearts in worship even if we aren't physically in the same space. Your wreath can be as fancy or as simple as you wish, as long as you have candles to light while the candles in the sanctuary are being lit. For more information about the colors and symbolism of the Advent wreath and candles, see the article in last week's *Connected*.

On November 29, we will celebrate communion as part of the welcoming of our newly baptized members. Those who worship at the church building that morning will be given a pre-packaged cup and wafer as you enter the sanctuary. If you need gluten-free wafers please bring your own from home, as the pre-packaged ones are NOT gluten-free. As you leave the sanctuary, there will be receptacles to dispose of the cups. Those who worship at home via ZOOM are asked to have your own cup and wafer prepared to use at home. We will need to change some of our traditional practices associated with baptism and welcoming of new members; there will not be a receiving line following the worship service. Please find other ways to welcome these new members, perhaps with a phone call or card.

Our traditional services for the Thanksgiving and Christmas season have had to be altered a bit, and questions abound!! After conversation with the deacons and worship planning team, we have come up with these plans. We WILL have a Thanksgiving Day service in conjunction with the North Church, here at Salem Mennonite Church. Corey Miller will bring the message. Realizing that there will be more people present than usual, the balcony will be open and people will be asked to space out as we always do, and are encouraged to wear masks. There will NOT be Christmas Day services; however, there are plans in the works for something via ZOOM. I hope this will help everyone as you make plans for the Christmas season.

South Church Music: It has been decided that we will continue with recorded music through the end of the year. With no choirs and the holiday season quickly approaching, the congregation is welcome to give some ideas for music to use for the worship services. It could be a Christmas song to record at home, a family member from far with music to share, or just submitting a holiday favorite for the season. Call Kathy at 925-7952 or email klein@gwtc.net.

SNOW REMOVAL – The Trustees are taking bids for snow removal of the sidewalks around the church for this winter. This is NOT for snow removal on the parking lot. Generally, the job is to keep the sidewalk areas clear of snow and ice. Please send your bids to Craig Miller.

Take Them a Meal www.TakeThemAMeal.com/LOUP6714 was created by Peggy Waltner (on behalf of the deacons) for Don and Sonja Waltner; it will be Mon., Wed., and Fri. until Dec. 23. Go to the link to sign up to take them a meal. Contact Peggy if you have any questions.

The Freeman Lion's Club is collecting new or slightly used winter coats, hats, gloves, and scarves for the Bethany Food Pantry. Sizes requested are for 5 year olds to adult. Donations can be dropped off at the Senior Citizens Center in Freeman on Mondays or Fridays from 1:30 - 4 p.m., or you can place them in the marked box located in the Narthex. Donations will be accepted through the end of November. Thank you. Mission and Service Team.

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.

November

14th Ruth Preheim, 609 S. Walnut St., Apt. #7 Freeman 57029

16th Belle Graber, Salem Mennonite Home, 106 W. 7th St. Freeman 57029

24th Jake Gross 600 S. Dewald, Apt. #8, Freeman 57029

30th Marguerite Preheim, 1411 Linden St., Wayne, NE 68787

COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

Save the Date! Mennonite Mission Network invites us to join in a Zoom meeting on Saturday, December 5 at 7 p.m. to help in "relaunching" the Ross Richer's Two-Way Mission in the Ecuadorian Rainforest. Jane and Jerrell and their family will embark on a 3rd three-year term beginning January 2021, and this virtual meeting will be an interactive time to hear from Jerrell and Jane and representatives of Mennonite Mission Network. Zoom meeting details to follow.

A memorable, meaningful and unique MCC gift to give this Christmas! Grab a piece of MCC history to use in a modern day Mennonite feeding station - your home! Get one for yourself and order more for family and friends. Hang it on the wall in your kitchen or dining room, display it on a shelf or use it as a serving tray! Remember the kitchen at your church, too. Each tray was uniquely handcrafted by an artisan in Siberia using Siberian hardwood. The tray is 16" in diameter and 2" deep. Suggested donation per tray is \$150. Full details and pictures are available at <https://mcc.org/feeding-station-tray>.

Calling singers and instrumentalists of CPMC! Join a virtual Christmas hymn-sing in Spanish and English with the Ecuador Partnership! If interested, email yoderholly@gmail.com for instructions.

Freeman Academy Virtual Event: Parents are invited to view a virtual open house about Freeman Academy on Nov. 19 at 7:00pm. Hear about high school opportunities from students and teachers including host Brad Anderson, Bible and Social Studies teacher. Register at FreemanAcademy.org and receive a link to join the 30min video and Q&A event. Contact Enrollment Director Lynnelle Allison at 605-925-4237 for more information.

A key mission of Rural Revival, the grassroots rural advocacy group of Freeman, is to encourage our farmers both young and old to continue learning about new, innovative, and holistic ways of farming. We are excited to now be offering scholarships for select regional agriculture conferences, such as the MOSES Organic Farming Conference, Acres U.S.A Eco-Ag Conference, and Northern Plains Sustainable Ag Food & Farming Conference, among others. Rural Revival will contribute up to \$150 to cover registration costs. Visit ruralrevival.org to see a complete list of eligible conferences and fill out an application.

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

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