



Salem Mennonite Church

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November 27, 2022 – First Sunday of Advent

I. GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

- <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

“In the Bleak Mid-Winter” - Innes

“Lo, How a Rose” – Manz

“Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel” - Leavitt

Call to Worship

Leader: Hear us, O Shepherd of Israel;
you who sit on the mercy seat between the cherubim,
we stand in your presence, seeking your face.

People: **Shine forth, O Lord, in the sight of your people,
that we may see you clearly.
Stir up your strength in us; come, rescue us.**

Leader: The time is near, we are watching; restore us again, O God.

People: **Cause your face to shine and we shall be saved,
made whole by your gracious love and kindness.**

All: ***We are watching and waiting for you, O Lord.***

Opening Prayer

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Opening Hymn

“Come, thou long-expected Jesus” – HWB #178

II. HEARING GOD’S WORD

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Leader: Watch! You know what time it is,
how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep.

People: **The night is far gone, the day is near.**

Congregational Song

“Light a Candle in the Night”

Leader: As we watch, we light this candle as a sign of our hope.

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

Children’s Time

Anthem

Scripture Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

Sermon “Watch: The day is almost here”

III. RESPONDING TO JESUS CHRIST

Announcements & Offerings

- Today’s **Worship offering** is for Mennonite Mission Network
- Today’s **Sunday school offering** is for Swan Lake Christian Camp
- **Children’s Offering** is for Oyate Concern Christian School

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

IV. SENT WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Closing Hymn “Comfort, Comfort, O My People” – HWB #176

Spoken Benediction

May you go out in hope, waiting and watching and living for the day of the Lord to draw near.

Postlude “From Heaven Above”

Greeters: Brent & Angie Brockmueller; **Musicians:** Sharla Unruh (organist), Ladies’ Ensemble; **Worship Leader:** Gregg Waltner; **Candle Lighter:** Ray Neufeld; **Children’s Time:** Brent Brockmueller; **Speaker:** Pastor Jack; **Coffee:** Class #14

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.

We need restoration, awaiting Christ’s coming in our time just as the world waited before the first incarnation. In anticipation, we are to live as restored people.

Something to meditate on: Where is our community longing for restoration? What is your role in that brokenness?

THIS WEEK

Wed. (30th), 6:30 p.m. – Handbells

7:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir

8:30 p.m. – Men's Choir

NEXT SUNDAY, December 4, Second Sunday of Advent

Speaker: Pastor Jack; **Worship Leader:** Brent Mutchelknaus; **Musicians:** Brad Anderson (pianist); **Greeters:** Bob & Cheryl Wollmann; **Candle Lighter:** Barb Tieszen; **Children's Time:** Brent Brockmueller; **Coffee:** Class #14

Worship offering is for Harvest Thank Offering

Sunday school offering is for Salem Sunday School

Children's Offering is for Oyate Concern Christian School

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

The congregation is invited to participate in a farewell potluck for Pastor Jack and Kathy following Sunday school. Our annual meeting will follow the meal at 1:30 pm.

COMING EVENTS

December 24 – Combined Sunday school & Choir Program

SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

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'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.

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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