



Salem Mennonite Church

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I. GOD CALLS US INTO PRAISE

Prelude

*‘Prelude from English Suite in F’ – Bach
Improvisations on the hymn ‘Gentle Shepherd’*

Choral Call to Worship

“Come, Ye Thankful People” – arr. Elvey Anthem

Call to Worship (*from Revelation 15:3-4*)

Servants of God, sing the song of Moses and the song of the Lamb!

“Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty!

Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations!

Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy.

All nations will come and worship you,

for your righteous acts have been revealed.”

Invocation

Opening Hymn

“Fling Wide the Door” – HWB # 186

Greeting and Welcoming Each Other

Confession of Sin (in unison)

Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we do not bow before him with all of our lives, and we are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to be governed by your justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us.

Raise us up anew to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our King, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Anthem

“Great is the Lord” – Smith/Schrader

II. HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

Scripture Readings

Psalm 2 (ESV); Luke 20:0-26 (ESV)

Sermon

“The Things of Our King”

III. RECEIVING THE SPIRIT, JOINED IN CHRIST'S BODY

Announcements and Offerings

- **Today's Worship offering:** Swan Lake Christian Camp
- **Today's Sunday school offering:** Heritage Hall Museum & Archives
- **Children's Offering:** Weekend School Lunch Bag Program

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

IV. RETURNING TO GOD'S SERVICE AS NEW CREATURES

Closing Hymn

"Joy to the World" – HWB # 318

Benediction

Go to serve King Jesus, the Son of God given a kingdom of all peoples, nations and languages, following his ways, listening to his voice, living in his Spirit, sharing his grace, and so hasten the day when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess, that Jesus is Lord, to the glory of God the Father forever. Be blessed by refuge in him. Amen.

Postlude

"Courante from English Suite in F" – Bach

Speaker: Spencer Bradford; **Worship Leader:** Norm Kaufman; **Greeters:** Angie Brockmueller and Cindee Mutchelknaus; **Musicians:** Phillip Balzer (organist); Men's Choir (special music); **Coffee:** Classroom #10

THE CHURCH AT WORK

TODAY

We welcome all who are worshipping with us this morning! Coffee is available following the worship service in the Fellowship Hall.

12:00 noon – Christmas Decorating after pizza lunch

1:00 p.m. – Fall Book Study, "Reclaiming Rural" at South Church

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, November 25, 8:00 p.m. – Rural Revival at Freeman Public Library

Tuesday, November 25, 6:30 p.m. – Handbells

7:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir

Tuesday, November 25, 8:30 p.m. – Combined North & South Church men's chorus at North Church for Thanksgiving Day service

Thursday, November 27, 10:30 a.m. – Thanksgiving Worship Service, Salem-Zion

Friday, November 28, 7:30 p.m. – Swiss Choral Society, "Mass in G" @S-Z

NEXT SUNDAY, First Sunday of Advent, November 30, 2025

Speaker: Spencer Bradford; **Worship Leader:** Marge Waltner; **Greeters:** Angie Brockmueller and Cindee Mutchelknaus; **Musicians:** Sharla Unruh (organist); Chancel Choir (special music); **Coffee:** Classroom #10

Worship Offering: Central Plains Mennonite Conference

Sunday School Offering: Freeman Academy

Children's Offering: Weekend School Lunch Bag Program

COMING EVENTS

Tuesday, December 2, 7:30 p.m. – Prayer and Fasting

Saturday, December 6, 2:00 p.m. – Bethel Church Christmas Carol Sing-Along

Sunday, December 7, following a noon potluck meal – Annual Business Meeting

SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

Church Photo Directory – Anyone who was unable to be here for the first photo session, will have an opportunity to take a photo on Sunday, November 30 during the same time frame. Sign up in the Narthex. **We are asking \$5 per photo to defray costs.** There will be a box by the photo area in Fellowship Hall. We also welcome photos **in jpg format** to be emailed to Vernetta in the church office anytime in the next couple of weeks.

The annual Senior Giving Tree drive will begin on Tuesday, November 25. Cards and instructions will be available at Norm's Thrifty-White, Jamboree Foods and Salem Mennonite Church. The deadline for returning gifts is December 15. Thank you in advance for bringing joy to the residents of the Freeman Nursing Home and Assisted Living! -- SMC Mission and Service Team

COMMUNITY & BEYOND

All local bakers are invited to bake peppernut (pfferrnuesse) cookies for the Et Cetera Shoppe to sell. Every year this is a huge boost to our end-of-year giving to the work of Mennonite Central Committee. Peppernuts can be baked using your favorite recipe and brought to the shop in pails or ziploc bags, anytime between now and Thanksgiving - we take it from there! Consider ushering in the holiday season by having a peppernut bee with your family, Sunday School class, grandchildren, book club or pickleball team!

“Christmas at the Bethel Church” begins Nov. 28 at Heritage Hall Museum & Archives and continues through Dec. 31. Businesses, organizations and families have brought decorated Christmas trees to the church located on the museum grounds. The Bethel Mennonite Church was built about two miles east of Dolton in 1920. It was moved to the museum grounds in 1992 after the congregation had disbanded.

A free admission Christmas Carol Sing-Along will be held at the church on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 6 starting at 2 p.m. This year’s sing-along will include special music from students from Freeman Academy and Freeman High School.

The museum and the church are open from noon to 4 p.m. weekday afternoons. The decorated church is open to museum guests, mercantile customers and by donation; access is available at the museum lobby.

In addition, the museum will be open on the first three Saturdays of December (6, 13 and 20) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., to give additional opportunity to visit the church, tour the museum and explore the HHM&A Mercantile, which features items created by local artisans. The museum will be open from 10 to noon on Christmas Eve and be closed both Dec. 25 and 26 and on Jan. 1.

HHM&A is also encouraging churches, businesses, organizations and families to use the Bethel Church as a venue for their own special programs during the holiday season. Stop in, call 605-925-7545 or email info@heritagehallmuseum.com for more information.

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