



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

January 9, 2022
The Baptism of our Lord

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – *Shall We Gather at the River* (arr. Joel Raney) Mavis Ortman

Welcome and Call to Worship (from Psalm 29) Sheila Epp

L: The voice of the Lord is over the waters, God’s glory thunders over mighty waters.

P: The voice of the Lord is powerful and full of majesty.

L: The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire and shakes the wilderness.

P: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; The Lord is king forever!

L: May the Lord give strength to his people!

ALL: May the Lord bless his people with peace!

Opening Prayer

* Hymn – *Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing* VT #7

Greeting Each Other and “Passing the Peace”
“The Peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.”

Lighting the Peace Lamp *The Kingdom of God* #799

Celebrating our Mission with Central Plains Mennonite Conference

PROCLAIMING

Hearing the Old Testament Story Isaiah 43:1-7 Timothy Epp

Song – *All Will Be Well* #586

* Hearing the Gospel Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sermon – “Baptized and Beloved” Corey Miller

RESPONDING

Song – *Come to the Table of Grace* #461

Communion

Sharing & Congregational Prayer

* Sending Song - *Move in Our Midst* #827

Blessing

Postlude

Church Calendar

Deadline for bulletin submissions is 8:30 p.m. Wednesday; salemzion@gwtc.net

TODAY

Jesus’ baptism marked the beginning of his earthly ministry. What happened in that moment was both miraculous and marvelous. As we reflect on our own belovedness today, may we feel God’s grace and experience God’s presence. Welcome beloved, to our worship!

The offering that we are celebrating today is for **Central Plains Mennonite Conference**.

Communion: Everyone is invited to join in the communion service today. All who earnestly love Jesus and are committed to following him are invited to God’s Table of Grace. Children are also invited to come forward to receive a blessing from Pastor Corey. May we all experience Christ’s love in this practice of breaking bread together.

9:00 a.m. – Zoom Adult Sunday School

9:30-10:15 a.m. – Jr. Dept. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for adults

10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

THIS WEEK

Jan. 10 (Mon) – Worship Committee meeting at 7:00pm

Jan. 12 (Wed) – *Feeding Our Faith* (FOF) kickoff with supper (6:00pm) and activities planned for all ages

Jan. 13 (Thurs) – Outreach & Service Committee at 7:30pm

NEXT SUNDAY – January 16

Next Sunday the theme is “You Give Me Drink.” The texts are Is. 62:1-5, Ps. 36:5-10, I Cor. 12:1-11, and John 2:1-11. Pastor Corey will be preaching.

Offering next Sunday will be for **Mennonite Church USA**.

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Delmar Ortman.
- all who are traumatized by the violence at the US Capitol last year. We pray for healing for those who were hurt or lost loved ones. We pray that those in leadership will lead well. We pray for peace and justice for all.
- all of those who are suffering because of the extreme cold temperatures this past week. We pray for safety for all who have wood burning stoves or fireplaces.
- our ministries at Salem-Zion as new committees begin their important work in this new year. Pray for vision, energy and deep faith as we follow Jesus together into this new year.

- Melissa (Ken and Mary's daughter) as she prepares for her delicate ear surgery on January 19th.
- those who are most vulnerable in our communities. May God open our eyes to the possibilities for love and for protection of the least of these among us-- and may we be willing to heed God's call.

COVID Team Suggestions: In order to keep everyone safe and reduce the spread of Covid, we encourage everyone to sit in the designated pews (social distancing), wear masks in and out of the sanctuary (and for congregational singing), and use the hand sanitizers when entering and leaving worship. People may remove their masks during the worship time if they feel comfortable. Thank you for your diligence in this matter as well as your grace and patience in this time. - Covid Task Team

FOF – Feeding Our Faith: Everyone is invited to our Feeding Our Faith kickoff on January 12th in the Fellowship Hall. We will have pizza and salads and people are invited to bring any Christmas goodies. This intergenerational event will include games and some humor, so come for a good evening of fellowshiping together. Supper begins at 6:00pm and a free will donation will help cover the costs.

We are so blessed to be part of this church family. We have been overwhelmed by all your support through prayers for the family, cards, phone calls, food, and financial support. **We can't thank you enough** for being there for us during this really difficult time. May God bless you and keep you always.
- Tammy Benjamin family

A **card and letter** from Barb Schrag are posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. Barb shares New Year's greetings with us.

Minutes from the October deacon meeting have been posted in the narthex.

December Mission Fund Offerings & Gifts: East River Foster Parents - \$56.00; MCC-Infant Kits - \$188.00; MCC-Shepherd Project - \$901.00; Mennonite Church USA - \$2,175.00; CPMC - \$2,185.00; MMN - \$2,000.00.

Musicians needed! The Mennonite Women's Retreat is scheduled for September 17-18, 2022 and this year South Dakota women are asked to provide the music. This responsibility requires choosing and leading music/hymns for Saturday (2-3 sessions) and Sunday morning worship. Accompaniment is often on keyboard &/or guitar (or your instrument of choice) in the retreat center at Swan Lake Christian Camp. If you're interested but have questions, or you're ready to volunteer, please contact Charity Ortman (574) 238-0692.

Are you a creative person who has been longing to connect with other creatives? Look no further than "Making Space: An online space for makers to gather to find community, create, explore and share stories about God's gift of creativity!" **This Thursday (January 13) at 7:00pm**, makers of all kinds are invited to bring a project to the computer and join with other makers to explore through scripture what it means to be a maker, learn to know other makers, and share finished and in-progress projects! You can find the Zoom link on our website, www.centralplainsmc.org.

Community Connections

Pinata Night at Kids Club Jan. 10: Children can run off their winter wiggles at Bearcats Kids Club on Monday, Jan. 10, at the Freeman Academy gyms. Teachers Karla Rupp and Amy Hofer Vetch will lead the learning adventure. Pinatas will be the focus of game time. We met our limit of 20 children last time! Reservations were requested by Friday, Jan. 7. Bearcats Kids Club hours are 5:45pm to 7:15pm. Children age four to fourth grade are welcome. Upcoming Bearcats Kids Club dates are Feb. 14 and April 11.

Freeman Academy is seeking a new Head of School to begin in summer of 2022. This individual will provide educational and spiritual leadership for a K-12 Mennonite school and daycare program, which has a strong fine arts tradition and rich history of serving the church and community. To learn more, please visit freemanacademy.org/employment.

God's Peace in MC USA: "We must believe that God is and that God is the rewarder of those that seek Him with diligence. We must have faith that God is big enough. We must be transformed, church. During this next biennium, we will focus on transformation. I want you to think about this Scripture: *'And not only that, but we also glory in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance, perseverance, character, and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, who was given to us.'* (Romans 5:3-5 NKJV) Let us set the example. Let us be advocates and allies for the marginalized. Let us demonstrate the love of Christ in word and deed to those that don't feel like this church is their home. However they identify themselves, let us call them to the foot of the cross, because God is enough, and nothing else will do. It's time for Mennonite Church USA to be transformed." - **A message from Glen Guyton, executive director of MC USA**

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“As followers of Jesus Christ, our purpose is to live and share the good news of Christ’s Kingdom, welcoming all as we worship, study, fellowship and serve others together.” - Salem-Zion Mennonite Mission Statement 2015

Zoom Adult Sunday School

<https://zoom.us/j/97667382194?pwd=NHNieHZ6a29ZMGpZSHJpczlibUxtdz09>; Meeting ID: 976 6738 2194; Passcode: 523139

Livestream link for Sunday morning worship

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCX8KyFIZChK0Ef-rIBaAs3A>