



# Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

**“Fullness of Life in Christ”  
November 12, 2023**

## **GATHERING TO WORSHIP**

Prelude – *I heard the voice of Jesus say* Maria Paff

Welcome and Lighting the Peace Lamp Mark Ortman

Call to Worship (from Psalm 85)

L: Oh Lord, show us your steadfast love, and grant us your salvation.

**P: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet. Righteousness and peace will kiss.**

L: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground.

**P: Righteousness will look down from the sky.**

*ALL: The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase!*

Opening Prayer

\* Hymn – *Come, Ye Thankful People* VT #123

\* Greeting each other

Children’s Story Kelsey Pidde

Sharing our Offerings – Central Plains Mennonite Conference  
Offertory

## **HEARING GOD’S WORD**

\* Hearing the Gospel Luke 11:1-13

Special Music – *Your Love Is Washing Over Me* VT #166

Hearing the New Testament Colossians 2:6-23

Sermon – “Rooted and Built Up in Christ” Corey Miller

## **RESPONDING TO GOD**

Song of Response – *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* VT #443

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

\* Sending Song – *Thuma mina* VT #834

\* Benediction

Postlude

## **Church Calendar**

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

### **TODAY**

As we continue our journey in Colossians, we are invited to reflect on the Fullness of Christ, in our lives, in the church, and in the world. It is the highlight of the week for the church to gather in worship as we seek God’s truth and recommit ourselves to follow in Christ’s path. We are so glad you have joined us in worship!

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

9:30am – Sunday School for all ages

10:30am – Worship Service

7:00pm – Freeman Area Children’s Choir Fall Concert at Salem-Zion  
(sanctuary and fellowship hall reserved)

### **THIS WEEK**

**Nov. 13 (Mon)** – Administrative Board meeting at 7:00pm

**Nov. 15 (Wed)** – Children’s Choir rehearsal, 6:00-6:30pm

**Nov. 15 (Wed)** – Youth Group at 6:30pm

**Nov. 15 (Wed)** – Deacons meeting at 7:00pm

**Nov. 15 (Wed)** – Men’s Choir rehearsal at 7:30pm

**Nov. 17 (Fri)** – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00pm

### **NEXT SUNDAY – Nov. 19**

Next Sunday we will continue our Worship Series on Colossians. The theme is “*Clothed in Love*” and the text will be Colossians 3:1-17. All are invited to read through the entire chapter of Colossians 3 in preparation for our worship time.

Next week the offering is for Mennonite Church USA.

### **COMING EVENTS**

**Nov. 19** – Annual Business Meeting at 12:30pm; Please bring a sack lunch or return by 12:30 for the meeting

**Nov. 21** – Men’s Choir at 7:15pm; Combined Men’s Choir at 7:30pm

**Nov. 23** – Combined Thanksgiving Day service at Salem-Zion at 10:30am

**Dec. 1** – Yearbook deadline

**Dec. 3 and 10** – Chancel and children’s choirs will practice for Christmas after church. Practice will start immediately following lunch and will conclude by 2 pm. We will enjoy a simple meal of soup and bread each week.

## **Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News**

### **Happenings over the past week:**

- Last week Monday and Tuesday, willing helpers from our community and beyond were able to can over 7500 cans of turkey meat in the name of Christ.

- Judy Gross was able to return home after spending a season at Oakview Terrace in Freeman.

**Remember to praise God:**

- for all the ways that Christ's Body felt connected as we canned meat together.  
- for good weather, safety, and steady hands as the last of the harvest is completed for our farmers.

**Remember to pray for:**

- those who cannot be here today: Nita Engbrecht.  
- an end to the killing in Palestine and Israel. Pray for clear minds for leaders, that they would not continue to use violence in responding/reacting to what has been done. Lord, bring peace. Christ bring justice. Jesus bring calm.  
- those healing from surgeries, ailments of the body, the mind, and the spirit.  
- Susan Janzen as her sabbatical begins next Sunday. We pray that in these three months of retreat and rest, God would renew and reinvigorate Susan for her ministry here in Central Plains.

**Rachel Miller's October MVS newsletter** is available in the narthex.

The **Men's Choir** will resume after a few years off. We will provide music for the Sunday, November 26 service. I encourage men of all ages to join to keep this choir adding to our worship experience. On Tuesday, November 21, we will meet 15 minutes before the combined choir to refresh our anthem for Sunday.  
- Kerwin Graber

Those who attend Salem-Zion are invited to receive *Anabaptist World*. The household treasury pays for a group subscription, and the subscription list is updated each year. Please contact the church office by November 30 if you'd like to be added or removed from the subscription list for 2024, or if you'd like any further information.

**Adult Sunday school teachers:** *Salt and Light* leader guides are now available for the winter quarter. Pick up your copy in the church office at your convenience.

### Community Connections

The latest **Swan Lake Christian Camp newsletter** is now available online at [myslcc.com](http://myslcc.com) (a printed copy is in the narthex). Our Piano Night fundraiser is December 3 at 6:00pm. All proceeds will go toward our new building project and our pianist this year is our own Mary Anderson.

All children ages 4-4th grade are invited to attend **Bearcats Kids Club** THIS Monday, November 13th at Freeman Academy! Join us from 5:45-7:15pm in the Link by Sterling Hall for games, activities, and a light snack. Please contact Jason Mehlhaf to RSVP or ask questions - [jmehlhaf@freemanacademy.org](mailto:jmehlhaf@freemanacademy.org). Hope to see you there!

**Et Cetera Shoppe** is in desperate need of someone who would be willing to tie the knots on the ends of our loom rugs. This is another one of those jobs that can be done in your own home, on your own time schedule, while watching TV or listening to music! Please call the shop at 925-7098 or talk to Kris or Anita if you'd be willing to help us out with this small but important task.

As the holidays approach, the Et Cetera Shoppe once again would welcome your **donations of traditional pfeffernusse (peppernut) cookies** made from the recipe of your choice. Every year, the sale of peppernuts at the shop greatly boosts our end-of-year giving to the work of Mennonite Central Committee. Making peppernuts can be a fun holiday activity to do with grandchildren, mentees, youth groups, extension clubs, and anyone else – so please consider making a batch and bringing them to the shop any time before Thanksgiving (and after, too)! You do not need to package them in any particular way – bringing them in Ziploc bags or ice cream pails is great.

**Heritage Hall Museum & Archives** is decorating the Bethel Church for the holiday season and we're inviting families, businesses, organizations and churches to bring a decorated tree to the historical church that's part of our museum. This would be a great project for Sunday school classes, youth groups, etc. We'll have the church decorated for the full month of December and would love to see it filled with trees. We're also planning a Christmas Carol Sing-Along at the church on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 2 starting at 2 p.m. Admission will be free and the church (and museum) will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. that day. To learn more about how you can bring a tree to the museum (there's no charge), stop in, call 605-925-7545 or visit us online at [heritagehallmuseum.com/news-%26-events](http://heritagehallmuseum.com/news-%26-events).

**God's Peace experienced in Creation:**

“The Peace of Wild Things”

When despair for the world grows in me and I wake in the night at the least sound

in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,

I go and lie down where the wood drake rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.

I come into the peace of wild things who do not tax their lives with forethought of grief.

I come into the presence of still water. And I feel above me the day-blind stars waiting with their light.

For a time I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

- Wendell Berry, *The Selected Poems of Wendell Berry*

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