



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

December 1, 2019

Advent 1: Our Wait Begins

“...Be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour!” - Matthew 24:44

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – <i>Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland</i>	Pachelbel	
The Prophet Calls	Isaiah 2:1-5	Andre Eisenbeis
Choral Call to Worship – <i>O come, O come, Emmanuel</i>	Ladies Choir	
Welcome and Call to Worship	Tim Eisenbeis	

L: Oh God, our God, we cry out to you.

P: Asking, will your kingdom of peace be established on this broken earth?

L: Are you coming to intervene, to make whole your divided creation?

ALL: God, what are you waiting for?

Opening Prayer

OFFERING OUR PRAISE

* Hymn – *Blessed Jesus, at your word* HWB #13

Lighting Advent Candles

Children’s Story *Come, Light of the world* SS #3 Susan Schrag

Offering our gifts – Household Treasury (cash/coins in the Christmas Box for Flandreau friends)

Offertory – *Lyric Sinfonia* Uehlein

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Hearing the Epistle Romans 13:11-14

Anthem – *Jesus, Come to Us* James E. Clemens

* Hearing the Gospel Matthew 24:36-44

Sermon – “Waiting” Corey Miller

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Silence and Confession

L: Forgive me, Lord, for not expecting you,

P: even when you have told me that you are coming.

L: Forgive me, Lord, for being asleep,

P: even when you have asked me to wait for you.

L: Forgive me, Lord, for my carelessness.

P: when all you have asked of me is to care.

L: Forgive me, Lord, for failing to see you,

P: when your face is so obvious.

(silence)

L: Blessed be our God, who invites us to walk in the light of the Lord!

Song – *Come, thou long-expected Jesus* HWB #178

Announcements and Congregational Prayer

* Sending Song – *Praise the One who breaks the darkness*

SS #1

* Benediction

Postlude – *Savior of the Nations, Come*

arr. Sedio

* Congregation please stand. If standing is difficult, please remain seated.

The peace lamp is lit weekly as a reminder that there is violence and suffering in the world. We as a faith community pray for peace for all people and look for ways to be active in peacemaking and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

Together we enter the season of Advent crying out to God to break into our lives with a new light and a new hope. We ask the question collectively, “**God, what are you waiting for?**” Welcome to our worship. We are so glad that you have joined us.

Bulletin cover designed by Estelle Waltner. Thank you, Estelle!

Greeters: Ellen Ortman and Dorothy Preheim; **Organist:** Lisa Kaufman

9:15 a.m. – Sunday School

10:10 a.m. – Fellowship Time

10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

12:30-2:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve rehearsal at South Church

THIS WEEK

Dec. 4 (Wed) 7:00 p.m. – Children’s choir, Chancel choir

Dec. 4 8:00 p.m. – Ladies choir, Men’s choir

NEXT SUNDAY – Dec. 8

Next Sunday we will continue our Advent season. The focus of the morning is “*Getting ready while we wait.*” The texts are Isaiah 11:1-10, Romans 15:4-13, and Matthew 3:1-12. Pastor Corey will be preaching and in addition to our regular offering, we will have an opportunity to give gifts of cash and coins for our friends in Flandreau.

Greeters: Robin and Kerwin Graber; **Offering:** Central Plains Mennonite Conference; **Organist:** Ruby Waltner; **Special Music:** Children’s Choir

COMING EVENTS

Dec. 8 – Christmas Eve rehearsal from 12:30-2:00 p.m. at South Church

Dec. 11 – Children’s & Chancel choir at 7:00; Ladies & Men’s choir at 8:00

Dec. 14 – Board of Education meeting at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Dec. 15 – Christmas Open House at Corey and Nancy Miller’s home from 2:00-5:00 p.m.

Dec. 18 – Dress rehearsal for Christmas choirs program at 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 22 – Christmas choirs program at 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve program at South Church

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- We enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving worship service on Thursday with our friends from South Church.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Hilda Kaufman.
- Conference Ministers across the United States and Canada who are traveling to the Conference Ministers Meetings in Banff, AB, Canada this week. May these meetings be a time of learning and renewal.

Remember to thank God for:

- all the blessings that God has provided us with in this past year. An attitude of gratitude creates peace in our hearts. Peace in our hearts leads to peace in the world by God's grace.

November Offerings and Gifts: Household Treasury - \$13,377.69; Cemetery - \$3,010.01; Mennonite Women - \$1,070.03; Deacon Sharing Fund - \$20.00; Student Tuition Fund - \$20.00.

Advent Devotionals: If you are interested, you can download an Advent devotional booklet for this year. "*Waiting and Wondering*," this year's Advent At Home booklet for families and people of all ages, is available now at mennoniteusa.org/resource/advent-at-home.

Community Connections

Mark your calendars for the **Freeman Academy 1-6th grade Christmas musical!** Thursday, December 5, 2019 at 6:30 pm in the Dining Hall! Students in Miss Cutler's Science class are getting ready for their Christmas party with Beaker trying to make snow. While waiting for the snow, Miss Cutler takes the opportunity to tell them about the "Light of Christmas." Refreshments will be enjoyed!

You are invited to **Christmas Brunch** at the Prairie Arboretum Visitor's Center Saturday, December 7, 2019 at 10 a.m. Tickets can be purchased at Fensel's for \$25 a person.

Living God's Peace: "Knowing that we can be loved exactly as we are gives us all the best opportunity for growing into the healthiest of people." - Fred Rogers

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