

## SALEM REFORMED CHURCH

Menno, South Dakota

Rev. Michael Hecht  
Joan Nusz

Pastor  
Pianist

10:30 AM – Worship Service      December 18, 2022  
Fourth Sunday of Advent

**Meditation:** *"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined . . . For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end."*      Isaiah 9:2,6,7a NKJ

**Prelude Music:**      Joan Nusz

**Welcome / Announcements / Opening Prayer**

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

Ashlynn Fergen, Elly Fischer, Zoe Schaeffer

**\*Hymn:** #277 "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

**Special Music:** "Where's the Line to See Jesus?"

sung by Bridget Vaith, accompanied by Barb Ulmer

**Our Time of Offering**

**Invitation to Give**

Malachi 4:2 NIV

**\*Doxology**

sung on page #815

**\*Apostle's Creed**

(see words on screen)

**Kingdom Kids:** "God With Us"

**Special Music:** "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus",

"Let There Be Peace on Earth" and "Carol of the Bells"

played by the Bell Choir

**The Holy Scriptures**

Luke 1:57–80

Large Print NIV 1984 Edition, pg. 1589

**Sermon:** "Zechariah's Song of Praise"

**\*Hymn:** #281 "What Child Is This?"

**\*Benediction:**

**Postlude**      (\*denotes standing for those able)

The congregation will be ushered out after the Benediction.

Ushers: Ajay Herrboldt, Cody Fischer,

Carter Fischer, Brockton Kocourek

## Office Hours for Pastor Hecht:

Tuesday – Friday: 8:00 AM to Noon (Church Office)

Afternoons: Visitation or Church Office

Church: 387–5334

Parsonage: 387–2855

Pastor Mike's Cell #: (605) 660–1803

Church Web Page: [saalemreformedchurch.com](http://saalemreformedchurch.com)

## Opportunities

**Greeters Today:**

Greg and Melanie Wilcoxon

**Greeters December 24:**

Harriet Schaeffer & Donna Friesen

**Greeters December 25:**

Carl and Linda Zeeb

**Sunday Prayer Time:**

8:30 a.m.

**Sunday School:**

9:15 a.m.

**Praise Music:**

10:15 a.m.

**Worship Service:**

10:30 a.m.

## Announcements

**Welcome:** We extend a warm welcome to our visiting guests this morning. Please sign our guest book in the Narthex. We ask God's blessing upon you and we pray that you will return and worship with us again soon.

**Prelude Music:** During the Advent Season, our Prelude Music is a time of quiet meditation, preparing our hearts and minds for the worship service, and focusing upon Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Christmas Eve Offering:** Our Christmas Eve Service is at 7 p.m. The offering received will be divided as follows: 50% to the Abbott House; 30% to the Swan Lake Christian Camp; 20% to Healing Hope Ministries.

**Christmas Day Offering:** Our Christmas Day Offering has been designated for the M/O Care Center to assist with on-going needs and upgrades. Christmas Day Service is at 10:30 a.m.

**Special Thanks:** Thanks to Chelsea Summerside, Chandra vanZyl, Cassie Wielenga, and Natasha Auch for coordinating and serving the lunches for the Christmas Program Practices!

**Christmas Caroling:** We will plan to meet at the church TODAY at 4 p.m. to go caroling in Menno. Please sign the sheet in the Narthex if you plan to attend. Also sign if you'd like to bring chili soup or dessert, or something else to share following.

**Christmas Sacks:** The CE Committee will meet this Wednesday, Dec. 21st at 6:30 p.m. to fill the Christmas Sacks.

**Sunday's, Dec. 25th & Jan. 1st:** There will NOT be Sunday School Classes on either of these two Sundays. Worship Services will be at our regular time of 10:30 a.m.