**SALEM REFORMED CHURCH**

Menno, South Dakota

Rev. Michael Hecht Pastor

Jennifer Herrboldt Pianist

10:00 AM – Worship Service December 25, 2024

Christmas Day

**Meditation:** *“Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past He humbled the land of Zeubulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future He will honor Galilee of the Gentiles, by the way of the sea, along the Jordan – ‘The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. . . . For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He 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 9:1,2,6,7a NIV

**Prelude Music:** Jennifer Herrboldt

**Ringing of the Bell / Welcome**

**Announcements / Opening Prayer**

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

by Kevin and Ashley Holzwarth and Family

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

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

**Our Time of Offering**  Luke 1:35,37 NIV

**\*A Christmas Doxology** see words on opposite page

**\*Lord’s Prayer** debts and debtors

**Kingdom Kids:** “Jingle All the Way“

**Hymn:** #10 “Hear I Am to Worship” (praise book)

**The Holy Scriptures**

John 1:1-18

Large Print NIV 1984 Edition, pg. 1646

**Sermon: “Jesus, Light of the World”**

**\*Hymn:** #270 “Joy to the World”

**\*Benediction:**

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

The congregation will be ushered out after the Benediction

Youth Ushers: Bryce Sattler, Carter Fischer, Brockton Kocourek

**Office Hours for Pastor Hecht**

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

Afternoons: Visitation or Church Office

Church: (605) 387-5334 Parsonage: (605) 387-2855

Pastor Mike’s Cell #: (605) 660-1803

Church Web Page: ***salemreformedchurch.com***

**Opportunities**

Greeters Today: Carl and Linda Zeeb

Greeters Dec. 29: David and Jennifer Herrboldt

Sunday Prayer Time: 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School Classes: 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.

**Sunday, December 29th:** There will NOT be Sunday School Classes on Dec. 29th. Worship Services will be at our regular time of 10:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Prayer will be at 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Classes will resume on Sunday, January 5th.

**Christmas Day Offering:** Our Christmas Day Offering will be given to the M/O Care Center to assist with on-going needs and upgrades at the care center.

**Poinsettias in Memory of Loved Ones:** Special Thanks to all who have been sharing poinsettias with us in Memory of Loved Ones. They are all so beautiful! Special thanks to Jennifer Herrboldt for taking care of the poinsettias through the Advent and Christmas Season!

**CHRISTMAS DOXOLOGY**

**Praise Him Who in the manger lay,**

**On that first joyful Christmas Day.**

**Praise Him for all His wondrous love,**

**Who came to us from Heaven above!**

**Calendar of Events**

Dec 26 Prayer Group @ 12 Noon

Dec 29 No Sunday School Classes Today

Prayer Time for Service @ 9:30 a.m.

Prelude Music @ 10:15 a.m.

Worship Service @ 10:30 a.m.

Take Down Greens following the Service

Dec 31 – Jan 07 Pastor Mike/Ann on Vacation

Jan 05 Prayer Time for Service @ 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School Classes @ 9:15 a.m.

Praise Music @ 10:15 a.m.

Worship Service @ 10:30 a.m.

Jan 06 Men’s Christian Fellowship @ 7:00 p.m.

Jan 08 8th Grade Confirmation @ 3:30 – 5:15 p.m.

6/7th Grade Confirmation @ 5:20 – 7:00 p.m.

Consistory Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

**Upcoming Special Music**

Sunday, December 29 - Available

Sunday, January 05 - Available

**Announcements**

**Special Thanks:** We would like to extend special thanks to Ashley Holzwarth and Mary Heckenlaible, and all of the Sunday School teachers, music directors and accompanists who so diligently worked to make our Christmas Eve Service possible! God Bless You All! It was a wonderful evening!

**Pastor’s Vacation:** Pastor Mike/Ann will be on vacation from December 31st through January 7th. Please contact the church office or one of the Consistory Members for special needs. Rachel Jones, from Zoe Care in Yankton will be sharing on Sun., January 5th, with the Elders assisting with other parts of the worship service. The Offering received on January 5th will be given to Zoe Care for their Pro-Life Ministry in South Eastern South Dakota!

**Coffee Hour:** We are looking for 7 volunteers to bring 2 dozen goodies for Coffee Hour on Sunday, January 19th. Please sign the sheet in the Narthex if you are able to help.

**Annual Reports:** If you are responsible for completing a report for our Annual Meeting, please have it turned into the church office by Wednesday, January 10, 2024. You may also email your report to the office at: ***salemref2@goldenwest.net***

**Salem Reformed Church – Who Are We?**

**We believe the Bible to be the inspired, inerrant, infallible Word of God in its original manuscripts. It is our supreme authority in all matters doctrine and practice. We are affiliated with the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference.**