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FREEDOM BOUND: THE PATH OF JUSTICE & MERCY

In this second week of Advent, may we recognize the Light that pierces the darkness, illuminating us, empowering us, and freeing us from that which prevents us from responding in just and merciful ways.

GATHERING / PRAISING

PRELUDE Jerry Toews

LIGHTING THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE
Justice Johnson and Peter Goerzen

UNISON PRAYER OF LIBERATION

CHORAL INTROIT *"Praise the One who breaks the darkness"*
(No. 1 STS) Adult Choir

*WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Eric Litwiller

*GATHERING PRAYER

*GATHERING HYMN *"Come, thou long-expected Jesus"* No. 178

*PASSING THE PEACE *The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.*

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING

OFFERING OUR GIFTS Items for Infant Care Kits *Please pass to center aisle*

CHILDREN'S STORY Pastor Rosie Jantz

SCRIPTURE *Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36* Kim Funk
The Word of God for the people of God ~ *Thanks be to God!*

MEDITATION *"From our fears and sins release us"*
Pastor Katherine Goerzen

HYMN OF RESPONSE *"O come, O come, Immanuel"* vs 1-3, 5 & 6 No. 172

SCRIPTURE *Luke 1: 67-80* Pastor Rosie Jantz

CHORAL ANTHEM *"I Hear the Prophet Callin'"* Adult Choir
-Pepper Choplin Soloist: Emil Schmidt

SCRIPTURE *Luke 3: 1-6* Sheri Schmidt

MEDITATION *"Now prepare for God a way"* Pastor Phil Schmidt

RESPONDING

HYMN OF RESPONSE *"Comfort, comfort, O my people"* No. 176

LIGHTING THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE
Oliva Duerksen and Sheri Schmidt

UNISON PRAYER OF LIBERATION

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND CANDLE LIGHTING
"Nun ist sie erschienen" No. 52CS

SENDING

*SENDING HYMN *"Bless'd be the God of Israel"* No. 174

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Today

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Gayle Funk and Brian Voth and Shannon, Carrie, Reed and Aleyn Friesen. *A special welcome is extended to all visitors.*

At the back of the sanctuary there is a quiet room for infants and mothers, as well as a toddler nursery for those age three and under, staffed today by Krista Graber.

On the table in the foyer are **Prayer Request Cards**. You are invited to fill one out if you have a request and return it to a pastor's box.

10:45 a.m.—There will be a congregational vote of affirmation for Ron Schroeder and Nathan Graber as deacons.

11:00 a.m.—Faith Formation. Adults meet in the sanctuary for reporting on Pastor Rosie's congregational review.

This Week

Tuesday, December 8

9:30 a.m.—Staff meeting

Wednesday, December 9

Wednesday Evening Activities

5:20 p.m.—Faithful Fitness

5:45 p.m.—Supper *Please sign up for the meal.*

6:25 p.m.—Welcome for everyone

6:30 p.m.—Music for all ages (age 3-grade 8)

6:45 p.m.—Faith Friends, Faith Adventure, Youth Explorers, Adult Bible Study

7:00 p.m.—TMYF

7:45 p.m.—Adult Choir

Thursday, December 10

9:30 a.m.—Stories and Stuff

6:00 p.m.—What's Cookin'?

Next Sunday, December 13

9:15 a.m.—Prelude

9:30 a.m.—Next Sunday is the third Sunday in Advent. Our theme will be “Freedom Bound: Trust.” Our scripture focus will be Isaiah 12:1-6; Zephaniah 3:14-20; Luke 3:7-18; Philippians 4:4-7 and Pastor Phil will be preaching.

Advent Offering: We will be collecting items for MCC's Infant Care Kits. During the offering next Sunday we will receive 4 cloth diapers (flat-fold preferred and 4 safety pins (2 inch).

10:45 a.m.—Fellowship Time.

11:00 a.m.— Faith Formation for everyone.

7:00 p.m.—Christmas Brass concert at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church.

Prayer Requests

★ *Caring Quilt Locations:* The caring quilts are home.

Remember to Pray for:

★ Our college students as they prepare for exams and end of semester deadlines. Pray for safe travel for those returning home for the holidays. Lord, hear our prayer.

Remember to Praise God for:

★ Ron Schroeder, who has decided to shift from Associate Member to Full Member at Tabor. Thanks be to God!

★ The generous giving to our budget this fiscal year. May we remember that all of our resources are a gift from God and can be used to bring about Justice and Mercy in God's kingdom. Thanks be to God!

Dates to Remember:

December 19: Tabor Mennonite Women and Girls Christmas Brunch

December 19 & 20: TMYF Night in the Barn

December 24: Christmas Eve Celebration Service

December 25: Christmas Day *Church offices closed*

December 27: Young Adult Sunday. No Faith Formation.

January 15-16: Tabor Leadership Retreat

February 5-6: Tabor Marriage Enrichment Retreat

Announcements and conference prayer requests are on the announcements page, which was either emailed to you or can be found in your church mailbox. Additional copies can be found in the literature rack.

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE November 29, 2015

Church services canceled due to icy conditions.

Thanksgiving Offering : \$524.00
for Mission Partners Wes and Deb Bergen

From our sins and fears release us

There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. (Luke 21:25-26)

Trouble in the Text

Trouble in the World

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.' (Jeremiah 33:14-16)

God's Grace in the Text

God's Grace in the World



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Prelude: 9:15am Worship: 9:30am
Fellowship Time: 10:30am Faith Formation: 10:45am

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