



WELCOME TO

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

*Following Christ.
Nurturing Community.
Seeking Peace with Justice.*

TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

FELLOWSHIP & KIDS' CORNER – 10:30 am

Currently no in-person Sunday school classes.
We anticipate resuming in-person classes for
all ages in February 2022.

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Celebration of Worship

November 21, 2021

Centering chimes

Prelude

Welcome & prayer

***Call to worship: Voices Together #1024**

Children's story and offering for the United Front Against River Blindness

Congregation sings as children come forward (Voices Together #512)

Scripture

Isaiah 55:1-13

Sermon

with Sola Gratia Mission Moment (A note about our special offering is below)

Meditation music

Offering and prayer (please place your offering in the baskets at the doors as you leave the sanctuary)

Congregational sharing and prayer (use a mic or text/ email prayers and announcements Pastor Michael or Pastor Deb)

Introduction of visitors

Work of the church (Please text or email announcements to Pastor Michael or Pastor Deb)

***Voices Together #124**

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

***Voices Together #205**

"Light Dawns on a Weary World"

***Voices Together #815**

"We Will Walk with God (Sizohamba naye)"

***Benediction**

**Stand if you are able*

Today we are collecting a special Thanksgiving offering to benefit Sola Gratia and its work to reduce local food insecurity. Checks should be made payable to First Mennonite Church with "Sola Gratia" in the memo line. Cash can be placed in the envelopes marked "special offering" which have been placed the ends of the pews. Please place any checks or envelopes in the offering plates as you leave the sanctuary.

We welcome, without exclusion...

all who seek God's love and grace. You are welcome here, inclusive of gender, race, country of origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, sexual identity, socioeconomic status, family status, past imprisonment, education, citizenship status and physical or mental abilities.

We encourage you to share in the rituals, fellowship and ministry of this congregation.

AFTER WORSHIP:

Fellowship is welcome on the lawn west of the church building. Young children and their parents are welcome to gather in the nursery and fellowship hall after worship for crafts and to play. Craft materials will be provided, but parents will need to be present to supervise.



FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK

TODAY

Worship 9:15am

FMC Gratitude Walk at Meadowbrook Park 2:30pm

THURSDAY & FRIDAY

Office closed for the Thanksgiving holiday.

NEXT SUNDAY

Worship 9:15am

(Advent 1 Theme: Dare to Imagine God's Goodness)

Chrismon Service 3:30pm



Scan or visit
www.fmc-cu.org/events
for details on upcoming events.

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS (more announcements in the email sent each Tuesday)

Pastor Michael is on vacation tonight through the evening of November 28. Please contact Pastor Deb with any pastoral care needs.

TODAY starting at 2:30 pm - Gratitude Walk, fellowship and singing. In lieu of a Thanksgiving potluck, the Hospitality & Fellowship Committee invites you to join in a Gratitude Walk around Meadowbrook Park. Meet at 2:30 pm at Pastor Deb's driveway to walk. Fellowship and singing around the fire pit near the pond just west of Pastor Deb's driveway will take place at 3:30 pm.

Next Sunday, November 28, 3:30 pm – Chrismon Service. Join us in the sanctuary to decorate the tree with symbols of Christ's life, followed by singing carols in the fenced yard to the west of the building. This service is for all ages. More details soon.

Interested in being part of a choir chime ensemble on December 12 (with a rehearsal on December 11- time TBD)? If you can read music and wish to participate, [contact Cindy Breeze](#).

TODAY – Deadline for signing up for December 11 and 12 - Holiday Fellowship Dinners. Paper sign-up is available on the FMC communications table in the hall or [sign-up online \(link was in Friday's email\)](#). All vaccinated adults, youth, and children are welcome to attend. [Contact Abby Crosby](#) with any questions.



Sunday, December 5 – Congregational meeting (in-person and on Zoom) immediately after worship.

Council is recommending approval for funding of two significant projects: an HVAC upgrade to the offices, library and upstairs restrooms, and new carpeting and chairs for the sanctuary. Check your email later this morning for a full report.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

Greeters: Sheryl Dyck & Mary Krick
Worship Leader/Scripture Reader: Matt Yoder
Song Leader: Pastor Deb
Prelude & Accompanist: Ruth Stoltzfus
Meditation music: Lesley Deem
Children's Story: Bruce Miller
Sermon: Pastor Michael
Mission Moment: Traci Barkley of Sola Gratia Farm
Sharing & Work of the Church: Pastors
Sound System & Tech: Randy Nelson & Bharat Patel
Stewards: Bob King & Greg Sancken

NEXT SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 28) AT FMC:

Advent 1: Dare to Imagine God's Goodness (Hope)
Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36
Greeters: Sheryl Dyck & Clark Breeze
Worship Leader/Scripture Reader: TBD
Song Leader: Bev Birkey Potts
Piano: Andrea Welty Peachey
Children's Story: Lynne Sancken
Sermon: Pastor Deb
Sharing & Work of the Church: Pastor Deb
Sound System & Tech: Laurence Koehn & Phil Martens
Stewards: Tammie Bouseman & Greg Sancken