



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

November 20, 2022



Centering chimes

Prelude

*Gathering hymn #122 "Sing to the God of Harvest"

Welcome & prayer

Call to Worship Voices Together #864

Children's story and offering for Kino Border Initiative (KBI)

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

*Praising hymn #34 "We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer"

Scripture Philippians 4:4-9 and John 6:23-35

Reflections on Practicing Gratitude

Marcia Nelson, Sheryl Dyck, Eliza Crosby and Danielle Beard

*Response hymn #114 "Now Thank We All Our God"

Offering prayer

Meditation music (*offerings can be placed in the offering plates as the ushers come by to collect offerings*)

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

Introduction of visitors

Work of the church

*Sending hymn #118 "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"

*Benediction

*Stand in body or in spirit. Children are invited to wave the ribbons during the hymns.

TODAY'S VISUAL: *Kathy Anderson found these poorly hand-sewn, leaf blocks in her mother's things. They were wrapped in a newspaper from 1932. Kathy's mother would have been 10 at that time, so she assumed they were some of her mother's early practice pieces. Kathy shored the blocks up and added bits of fabric to complete this lap quilt.*

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.

Hearing devices (T-coil and over-ear) and large print hymnals are available from the greeters.
Childcare (birth – preschool) is provided in the nursery downstairs.

TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

Fellowship is welcome (no refreshments served); please remain masked. Education opportunities for all ages will be held from 11:15-Noon. Snacks for children PreK-Grade School are available downstairs before Sunday school. Childcare for infants and toddlers is provided in the nursery.

ADULT CLASSES:

How the Bible Actually Works: Sanctuary
Everything Happens for A Reason: And Other Lies I've Loved: Library
Coffee & Conversation: Room 5 (downstairs)

CHILDREN & YOUTH CLASSES:

Pre-K – Grade 2: Room 10/11 (downstairs)
Grades 3 – 5: Room 3 (downstairs)
Young Adult Sunday school (youth invited, too): Room 13 (downstairs)



FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK (Visit www.fmc-cu.org/events for event details)

TODAY

- Worship 9:15a, followed by Fellowship (until 11:15am) & Sunday school (11:15 am-Noon)
- Thanksgiving Potluck (12p) followed by Advent decorating
- Interfaith Grateful Gathering at Bethel AME (3p)

TUESDAY

- Spiritual Direction Group (1p)
- Bulletin information due to church office (9a)

THURSDAY & FRIDAY

- FMC office closed for Thanksgiving

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

TODAY, Sunday, November 20

- Service of Gratitude. A Thanksgiving offering will be taken to benefit Sola Gratia Farm in Urbana.
- Thanksgiving Potluck in the fellowship hall after Sunday school. Bring a nut-free dish to share, but feel free to stay even if you didn't bring a dish.
- Advent decorating of the sanctuary after the potluck. You are invited to stay to help the Worship Committee decorate.
- Annual Interfaith Grateful Gathering, at Bethel AME Church (410 E Park St, C) at 3 pm. Join us for prayers and reflections on gratitude and some great fellowship over cookies, too! A freewill offering will be taken to benefit the Bridgewater-Sullivan Community Life Center. Socks are also a welcome donation.

This Thursday at 1 pm - Tom and Deb Sutter invite anyone who would like to celebrate Thanksgiving with others to their house for dinner. Please email Pastor Deb if you would like to come.

This Thursday and Friday, November 24-25 – the church office will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Next Sunday, November 27

- Our Advent season begins. The theme this year is "Restoration is Near".
- 30th Annual FMC Chrismon Service, 6:30 pm – All ages are invited to decorate the tree with symbols of Christ's life and sing hymns and hear scripture.
- Deadline for Vine newsletter submissions. Send submissions to Cindi Scheiber (cindsicheiber@me.com)

Special Music Opportunities during Advent/Christmas

- Choir on Dec. 11 - rehearsals on Saturdays Dec 3 and 10 at 10am; contact Andrea Welty-Peachey if you wish to participate. All are welcome!
- Choir chime ensemble Dec. 18; rehearsals on Saturdays Dec. 3 and 10 at 11am; contact Pastor Deb by TODAY if you wish to participate.
- Drama on Christmas Eve - rehearsals TBA; contact Danielle Beard know if you wish to participate.
- All ages and levels invited to offer special music during the Advent/Christmas/Epiphany season (Nov. 27 – Jan. 8); contact Mary Krick or Pastor Deb.

December 4, 3 pm at FMC and on Zoom – Church conversation to receive questions and comments on the new draft Constitution and By-Laws.

December 10, 5:30 pm – High school youth and adults are invited to attend our Progressive Dinner. Sign-up online by December 4. The sign-up link is in our Tuesday and Friday emails.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

Greeters: Perry Biddle & Rosalee Otto
Worship Leader: Pastor Michael; Children's Story: Pastor Deb
Scripture Reader: Cindi Scheiber
Song Leader: Danielle Beard; Piano: Pam Peña Martin
Sermon: Words of Witness
Sharing and Prayer: Pastor Michael
Zoom: Mary Krick; Sound System: Laurence Koehn
Nursery: Worship - Taniya B. & Tom Sutter; SS - Taniya B. & Melissa Shungu
Stewards: Laurence Koehn & Lynne Sancken

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27 AT FMC (Advent 1)

Greeters: Perry Biddle & Rosalee Otto
Worship Leader & Children's Story: Cindy Breeze
Scripture Reader: Bob King
Scripture: Matthew 24:36-44 and Isaiah 2:1-5
Song Leader: Bev Birkey Potts; Piano: Cheryl Koranda
Sermon: Pastor Deb
Zoom: Rudy Moyer-Litwiller; Sound System: Emerson Nafziger
Nursery: Worship - Taniya B. & Chuck Gibson; SS - Taniya B. & Rachel HL
Stewards: Laurence Koehn & Lynne Sancken

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