

TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

Fellowship and refreshments in the basement before Sunday school. Please keep drinks in the basement. Snacks for children PreK-Grade School are also available. Education opportunities for all ages will be held from 11:15-Noon. Childcare for infants and toddlers is provided in the nursery.



CHILDREN & YOUTH CLASSES (downstairs)

Pre-K – Grade 2: Room 10/11
Grades 3 – 5: Room 3
Youth (Grades 6-12): Room 13

ADULT CLASSES (upstairs and downstairs)

All Our Grievs to Bear: Sanctuary
Exploring the Power of God's Love-A Bible Study: Library
Coffee & Conversation: Room 5 (downstairs)

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

Visuals: Perry Biddle & Bev Birkey Potts
Greeters: Tammie Bouseman & Kate Falk
Worship Leader: Chuck Gibson
Candle Lighters: Peña-Martin family
Song Leader: Danielle Beard
Piano: Pam Peña-Martin
Advent Music: Choir Chimes
Children's Story: Cindy Breeze
Scripture Reader: Mark Evans
Sermon & Sharing: Pastor Deb
Zoom: Mary Krick
Audio: Laurence Koehn
Worship Nursery: Taniya Boone & Abby Crosby
Sunday school Nursery: Taniya B. & Melissa Shungu
Stewards: Chuck Gibson & Clark Breeze
Refreshments: Denny Seaman & Tom Sutter

NEXT SUNDAY (DEC. 25) AT FMC: Worship at 10 am

Christmas Sunday: Restoration –
Sing for Joy, Jesus is Born

Scripture: Isaiah 52:7-10 and John 1:1-14
Visuals: Perry Biddle & Bev Birkey Potts
Greeters: Tammie Bouseman & Kate Falk
Worship Leader: Sam Cox
Candle Lighters: Crosby family
Song Leader: Pastor Deb
Piano: Ruth Stoltzfus
Children's Story: Lesley Deem
Scripture Reader: Dave Jackson
Hymn sing (no sermon)
Zoom & Audio: Pastor Michael
Stewards: Greg Sancken & TBD

▪ **No Worship nursery caregivers. All ages are welcome in the sanctuary; parents are welcome to take their children down to the nursery if needed.**

▪ **No Sunday school or Refreshments**

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WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
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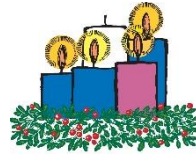


Artwork by Adrian Schneider

Celebration of Worship

December 18, 2022

Advent 4



Restoration: Do Not Be Afraid, Act Out of Love

Centering chimes

Introit "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord"

Prelude

Welcome & prayer

*Call to worship

Leader: Behold! Do not be afraid; God is with us.
God is our strength and our salvation!

People: Lord, we stand in your presence in faith, not fear.

Leader: God will send angels to keep watch over you, to comfort you, to keep you.

People: Lord, our strong hope is built on your unfailing love.

Our hearts yield to you and trust in your transforming power.

All: Praise ye the Lord!

***Hymn #210** "O Come, O Come, Immanuel" (verses 1 & 4)

Advent candle litany

Leader: We cry out for restoration, we call upon God to give us life.

People: Do not be afraid, says the Lord. I have promised to be with you.

Leader: As we hold fast to God's promise, we light this candle as a sign of our joy.

All: Bring your restoration to your people, we pray.

Candle lighting hymn #214 "Savior of the Nations, Come!"

Lighting of the Advent candles

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

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

Advent music *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*

The Friendly Beasts

Scripture Isaiah 7:1-16; Matthew 2:18-25

Sermon

***Response Hymn #238** "Wisdom from on High Is Dawning"

Offering prayer (*offerings can be placed in the offering plates as the greeters come by*)

Offertory

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

Introduction of visitors

Work of the church (*please come forward to the podium mic to make your announcement*)

***Sending Hymn #245** "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

*Benediction

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

Question for Reflection:

Where do you see signs of God's love and presence around you and in our world?

How do you nurture an openness to God?

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.