

TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

No refreshments or Sunday school are offered today.
Refreshments and Sunday school classes resume on Sunday, January 8, 2023.



Winter classes (resuming January 8):

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: Sam Cox
Candle Lighters: Crosby family
Song Leader: Pastor Deb
Piano: Ruth Stoltzfus
Children's Story: Lesley Deem
Scripture Reader: Dave Jackson
Hymns Reflections: Pastor Deb
Congregational Sharing: Pastor Deb
Zoom & Audio: Pastor Michael
Stewards: Greg Sancken & TBD

- **No scheduled Worship nursery caregivers; all ages are welcome in the sanctuary. Parents are welcome to take their children to the nursery if needed.**
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NEXT SUNDAY (JAN. 1) AT FMC:

Worship at 10 am

Restoration – *Jesus is Here in the Middle of it All*

Scripture: Psalm 148 & Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23
Visuals: Perry Biddle & Bev Birkey Potts
Greeters: Rhonda Gibson & Cathy Schneider
Worship Leader: Eliza Crosby
Candle Lighters: Horst Lehman family
Song Leader: Danielle Beard
Piano: Pastor Deb
Children's Story: Cindy Breeze
Scripture Reader: Greg Sancken
Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael
Zoom: Rudy Moyer-Litwiller
Audio: Emerson Nafziger
Stewards: Tom Sutter & Randy Nelson

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WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

December 25, 2022

Christmas Sunday Hymn Sing

Restoration: Sing for Joy, Jesus is Born



Centering chimes

Introit "Go Tell It on the Mountain (refrain)"
Prelude From Heaven Above to Earth I Come *by Ernst Pepping* (hymnal #263)
Welcome & prayer
Introduction to "Joy to the World"

***Hymn #240** "Joy to the World"

*Call to worship

Leader: Sing and shout; how great is our God!
The heavens praise your name; the earth proclaims your glory!

People: How beautiful are the feet on the mountain of those who bring good news.

Leader: Great is your peace, and great are your promises.

People: Your good news brings comfort to our soul. In my heart a new song cries out.

Leader: Sing hallelujah!

ALL: Our God reigns!

Scripture Isaiah 52:7-10

Advent candle litany

Leader: Light looked down and saw darkness and despair.
ALL: I WILL GO THERE, SAID LIGHT, bringing HOPE AND JOY

Leader: Peace looked down and saw war.
ALL: I WILL GO THERE, SAID PEACE.

Leader: Love looked down and saw hatred.
ALL: I WILL GO THERE, SAID LOVE.

Leader: So the Lord of Light, the Prince of Peace, the King of Love, came down and crept in beside us.

Candle lighting hymn #255 "Love Came Down at Christmas"

Lighting of the Advent candles

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

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

Introduction to "What Child is This" and "Helpless and Hungry"

***Hymns #267 and #268** "What Child is This"/"Helpless and Hungry"

Reader's Theatre on John 1:1-14

from "Word of Mouth: Creative Ways to Present Scripture" *by C. Morton & K. Hawkey*

Scripture John 1:1-14

Christmas Prayer

Introduction to "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

***Hymn #265** "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

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 prayers to Pastor Deb*)

Introduction of visitors

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

Introduction to "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

***Sending Hymn #243** "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

***Benediction**

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

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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.

A nursery is downstairs for parents to take their children (no nursery workers today).