

TODAY AFTER WORSHIP



No refreshments or Sunday school are offered today.
Refreshments and Sunday school classes resume next 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: 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

Special Music: Cindy Breeze & Andrea Welty Peachey

Zoom: TBD

Audio: Emerson Nafziger

Stewards: Tom Sutter & Randy Nelson

▪ **No scheduled Worship nursery caregivers; all ages are welcome in the sanctuary. Parents are welcome to take their children to the nursery if needed.**

▪ **No Sunday school or Refreshments**

NEXT SUNDAY (JAN. 8) AT FMC:

Worship at 9:15 am

Restoration – *The Wisdom of God for the World*

Scripture: Isaiah 60:1-6 & Matthew 2:1-12

Visuals: Perry Biddle & Bev Birkey Potts

Greeters: Rhonda Gibson & Cathy Schneider

Worship Leader: Marcia Nelson

Candle Lighters: Malcolm family

Song Leader: Cindy Breeze

Piano: Kathy Springer

Children's Story: Cindy Breeze

Scripture Reader: John Maclean

Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael

Special Music: Mary Krick & Rachel Horst Lehman

Zoom & Audio: Chuck Gibson

Stewards: Tom Sutter & Randy Nelson

Worship Nursery: Taniya Boone & Rebecca Bare

Sunday school Nursery: Taniya B. & Pete Shungu

Refreshments: Mary Hines & Bev Hertle

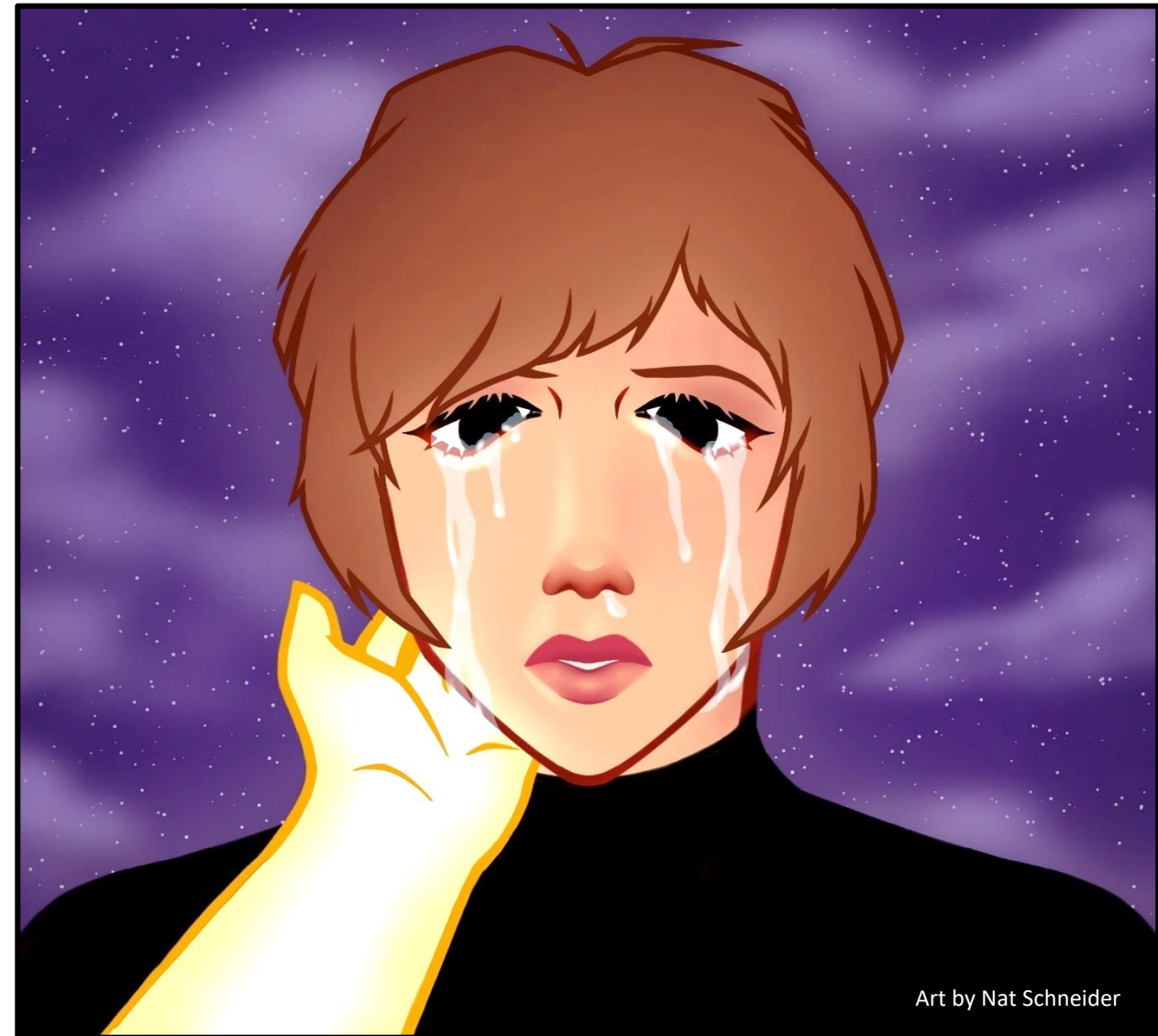


WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

January 1, 2023

Restoration: God Comes to Us in All Our Distress



Art by Nat Schneider

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Celebration *of* Worship

Sunday after Christmas



Centering chimes

Introit "Go Tell It on the Mountain (refrain)"

Prelude

Welcome & prayer

***Hymn #241** "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

*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 my soul. In my heart a new song cries out.

Leader: Sing hallelujah!

All: *Our God reigns!*

Candle lighting hymn #249 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Lighting of the Advent candles

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

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

Special music

Scripture Psalm 148 and Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

Sermon

***Response Hymn #247** "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

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 Michael*)

Introduction of visitors

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

***Sending Hymn #252** "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

*Benediction

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

Note about bulletin cover from artist Nat Schneider: I choose to have the person crying and in black to show how they're in distress (specifically shown through sadness/mourning) and God extending a gentle hand (the glowing hand) to comfort them. I also used the night background to emphasize God being the light in the dark to guide us when we're lost.

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).