

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.

Winter classes (December-February):

ADULT CLASSES (upstairs/downstairs)

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

CHILDREN & YOUTH CLASSES (downstairs)

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

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

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

NEXT SUNDAY (JAN. 15) AT FMC:

Next Week - MLK Weekend

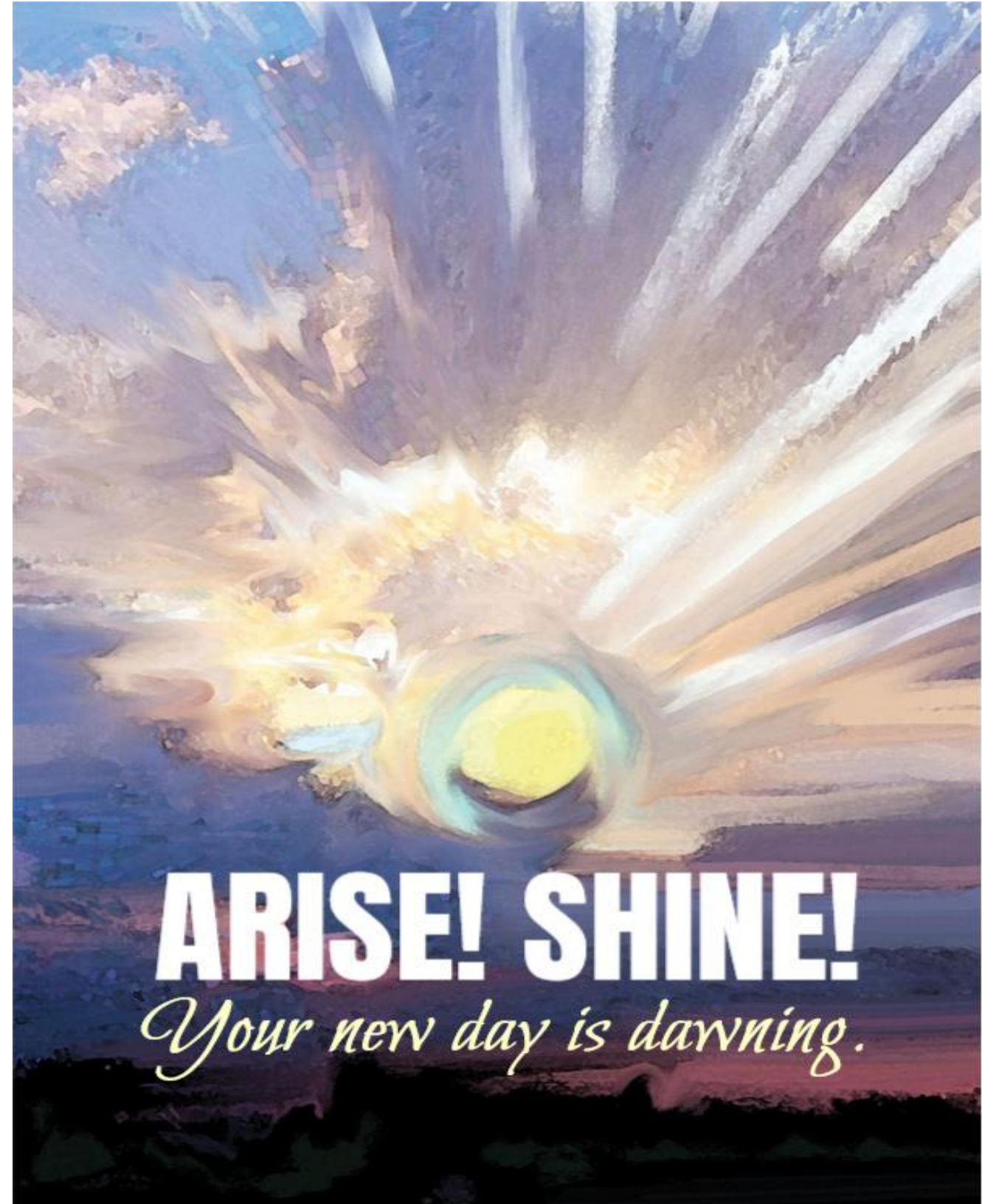
Scripture: Psalm 40:1-11 & John 1:29-40
Visuals: Neta Jackson & Donna Nelson Evans
Greeters: Rhonda Gibson & Cathy Schneider
Worship Leader: Abby Crosby
Song Leader: Rafael Luquis
Piano: Pam Peña Martin
Children's Story: Megan Cox
Scripture Reader: Bob King
Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael
Zoom: Phil Martens
Audio: Randy Nelson
Stewards: Tammie Bouseman & Thom Moore
Worship Nursery: Taniya Boone & Mary Krick
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ARISE! SHINE!

Your new day is dawning.



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

January 8, 2023

Restoration: The Wisdom of God for the World



Centering chimes

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

Prelude

Welcome & prayer

*Hymn #273 "Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

*Call to worship

Leader: O God, by the leading of a star you revealed your only Son
in all his glory to the people of the earth.

People: **The manifestation of light and new life,
you are Emmanuel, God with us.**

Leader: Guide us into your presence, where we may see your glory face-to-face.

People: **We bring our gifts of service, unity, and love as a blessing to your kingdom.**

All: **Let all the earth adore you, for you are the Lord of lords and the King of kings.**

Candle lighting hymn #270 "In the Beginning"

Lighting of the Advent candles

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

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

Scripture **Isaiah 60:1-6 and Matthew 2:1-12**

Meditation

*Response Hymn #540 "Will You Come and Follow Me?"

Reception of new member, Jo Brenneman-Fullwood

Congregational response (unison):

As siblings in the body of Christ and members of First Mennonite Church, we welcome you, Jo. We promise to encourage you in faith, to embrace the gifts the Holy Spirit is creating in you, to rejoice with you in joy, and to support you in times of suffering.

We pledge our willingness to give and receive counsel and to offer and accept forgiveness.

We joyfully partner with you in the care of our church family and in our mission to the world.

Communion

Hymn #478 "I Come with Joy"

Special music

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 #274 "See Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

*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.

Childcare (birth – preschool) is provided in the nursery downstairs.