



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

November 26, 2023

Centering chimes

Prelude

Call to Worship (*adapted from Psalm 100*)

Leader: Shout triumphantly to the Lord, all the earth!

East side: Serve the Lord with celebration!

West side: Come before him with shouts of joy!

Leader: Know that the Lord is God —

East side: he made us; we belong to him.

West side: We are his people, the sheep of his own pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanks;

West side: enter his courtyards with praise!

East side: Thank him! Bless his name!

Leader: Because the Lord is good, his loyal love lasts forever;

Congregation: his faithfulness lasts generation after generation. Amen.

*Gathering hymn #28 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Welcome and prayer

*Praising Hymn #715 "Longing for Light"

Children's story and offering for Hungry World Farm (www.hungryworldfarm.com)

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

Scripture Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 and Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon

*Response Hymn #392 "The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound"

Offering prayer

Offertory (*Offerings can be placed in the plates as the ushers come by*)

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

Introduction of visitors

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

*Sending hymn (on handout) "Now Go in Peace"

*Benediction

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 a large print hymnal & Bible are available from the greeters.
Childcare (birth – preschool) is provided in the nursery downstairs.

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. Parents, please assist your children during snack time. Education opportunities for all ages are held from 11:15am-12pm. Childcare for infants - preschoolers is provided in the nursery.



CLASSES THROUGH NOVEMBER (upstairs/downstairs)

Introduction to Islam: Sanctuary

Inspired: Library

Mennonites 101: Rm 7 Downstairs

Coffee & Conversation: Rm 13 Downstairs

Young Adults & High School Youth: Rm 5 Downstairs

CHILDREN'S CLASSES (downstairs)

Kindergarten – Grade 2: Room 10/11

Grade 3 - 6: Room 3

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

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| TODAY <ul style="list-style-type: none">Final Sunday in Fall Sunday school quarterFMC delegation visits Dayspring Native American U.M. Church | THURSDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none">Service & Outreach Zoom mtg (4p) | SATURDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none">Choir chime rehearsal (2p)FMC Advent decorating (3:30p) & potluck (5p) |
| WEDNESDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none">Zoom Bible Study (8a) | FRIDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none">Friday Spiritual Direction Group (10:30a) | |

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

- TODAY**
- A delegation from FMC will visit Dayspring Native American United Methodist Church, taking our mitten tree donations with them.
 - Final Sunday in the Fall Sunday school quarter.
- This Tuesday, November 28 at 7 pm CT - Join a virtual mobilization call to grieve the ongoing violence in Palestine and to and learn how we will stand together as Mennonites to call for peace. For more information for how to get involved, please visit MennoniteAction.org.
- This Saturday, December 2:
- Choir chime rehearsal at 2 pm.
 - FMC Advent Decorating at 3:30 pm, followed by a potluck at 5 pm. Pork roast is being provided by Marlin Sieber. Please sign-up by this Tuesday, November 28 if you plan to attend the potluck.
- Next Sunday, December 3:
- Winter Sunday school classes begin. Informational handouts about the Winter Sunday school quarter can be found on the chairs in the sanctuary.
 - Choir rehearsal at 12:30 pm.
 - Deadline for December 2023/January 2024 issue of the Vine. Email submissions to Cindi Schieber (cindischieber@me.com).
 - 31st Annual FMC Chrismon service at 6:30 pm. All ages are invited to decorate the tree with symbols of Christ's life while singing hymns and listening to scripture.
 - Deadline to sign-up for the Annual FMC Progressive Dinner. The dinner will be held on Saturday, December 9 from 6-9 pm and is for ages high school and older. Registration is required. A detailed FAQ sheet about the Progressive Dinner is on the table near the church office.
- 2023 FMC budget update - General offerings to date have totaled \$241,559, an average of \$ 5,146 per week, towards our annual spending plan of \$300,814. To meet estimated expenses for the year, an additional \$50,340 or \$8,390 per week is needed by December 31st. Questions? Talk to Council Chair Sam Cox or Treasurer Rebecca Moyer.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

Greeters: Rhonda Gibson & Tammie Bouseman
Worship Leader: Tim Clink
Song Leader: Rudy Moyer-Litwiller; **Piano:** Pastor Deb
Children's Story: Marcia E. Nelson
Scripture Reader: Sheryl Dyck
Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael
Zoom & AV: Chuck Gibson
Worship Nursery: Taniya Boone & Tom Sutter
SS Nursery: Rhonda Gibson & Abby Crosby
Stewards: Chuck Gibson & Mary Krick
Refreshments: Randy Nelson & Bruce Miller
Visuals: Lynne Sancken

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 AT FMC:

Scripture: Isaiah 64:1-5;8-9 . 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; **Scripture Reader:** Bob King
Embodied scripture (Psalm 80:3-7, 17-19): Pastor Deb
Greeters: Rhonda Gibson & Tammie Bouseman
Worship Leader: Abby Crosby
Song Leader: Rudy Moyer-Litwiller; **Piano:** Bev Birkey Potts
Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Deb
Zoom: Rachel Miller-Haughton; **AV:** Emerson Nafziger
Worship Nursery: Taniya Boone & Chuck Gibson
SS Nursery: Mary Hines & Doug Malcolm
Stewards: Scott Bidner & Denny Seaman
Refreshments: Chuck & Rhonda Gibson
Visuals: Donna Evans & Lynne Sancken

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