



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. Sunday school for all ages will be held from 11:15 am – 12 pm. Childcare for infants and toddlers is provided in the nursery.



CHILDREN – COLLEGE AGE CLASSES (downstairs)	ADULT CLASSES (sanctuary & downstairs)
Kindergarten – Grade 2: Room 10/11	Jesus and John Wayne: Sanctuary
Grades 3 – 6: Room 3	Be Still and Know: Room 7 (downstairs)
High school & College: Room 5	Coffee & Conversation: Room 13 (downstairs)

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY: NEXT SUNDAY (DEC. 17) AT FMC:

Greeters: Clark Breeze & Kate Falk
 Worship Leader: Pastor Michael
 Candle Lighters: The Malcolm Family
 Song Leader: Pastor Deb
 Piano: Ruth Stoltzfus
 Advent Music: Choir
 Children's Story: Lynne Sancken
 Embodied Scripture: Mary Biddle
 Christmas Drama, "A Mary Carol": Grades 3-6
 Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael
 Zoom: John MacLean
 Audio: Laurence Koehn
 Visuals: Donna Evans & Lynne Sancken
 Worship Nursery: Taniya Boone & Mary Krick
 Sunday school Nursery: Abby Crosby & Melissa Shungu
 Stewards: Scott Bidner & Denny Seaman
 Refreshments: Rebecca Bare & Karla Woodson

Advent 3: Waiting in Peace
 Scripture: Isaiah 40:1-11; Mark 1:6-8; John 1:6-8, 19-28
 Scripture Reader: Amber Anderson
 Greeters: Rhonda Gibson and Marcia E Nelson
 Worship Leader: Chuck Gibson
 Candle Lighters: The Anderson & Thurston families
 Song Leader: Bev Birkey Potts; Piano: Pam Peña Martin
 Advent Music: Pam Pena-Martin (piano) & Pete Shungu (trumpet)
 Children's Story: Lynne Sancken
 Embodied Scripture: Cindy Breeze (Isaiah 11:6-9)
 Sermon & Sharing: Pastor Michael
 Zoom: Mary Krick; Audio: Emerson Nafziger
 Visuals: Donna Evans & Lynne Sancken
 Worship Nursery: Taniya Boone & Megan Cox
 Sunday school Nursery: Abby Crosby & Rebecca Bare
 Stewards: Tammie Bouseman & Bob King
 Refreshments: Keith & Kathy Springer

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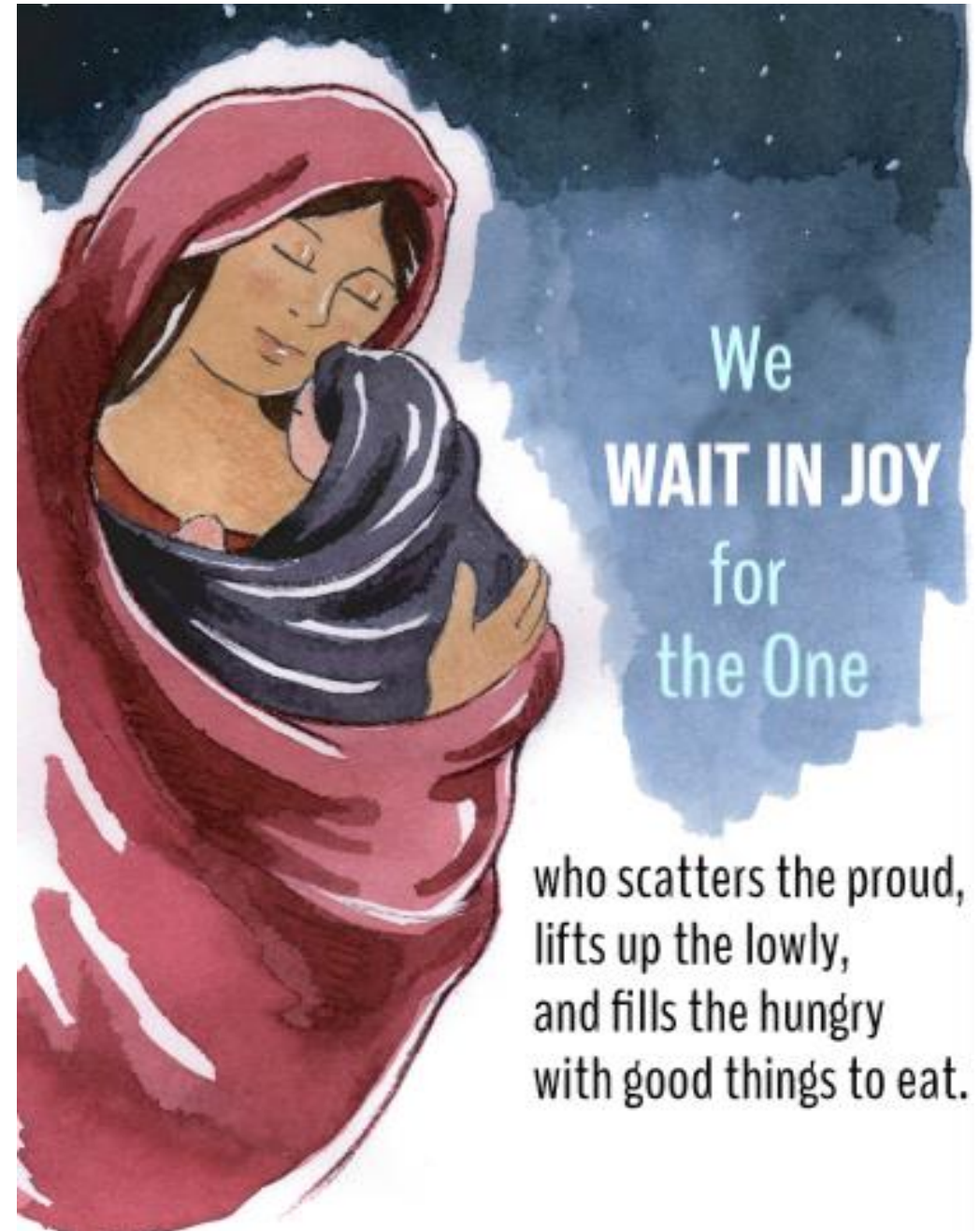
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WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.



Celebration of Worship

December 10, 2023



Waiting in Joy

Centering chimes

Prelude *From Heaven above to Earth I Come*, by Ernst Pepping

*Call to worship (based on Isaiah 61:1-3, 10-11)

Leader: The Lord's spirit is upon us...

East Side: to bring good news to the poor

West Side: and to comfort the brokenhearted.

Leader: The Lord's spirit is upon us...

East Side: to proclaim release for captives

West Side: and to announce liberation for prisoners.

Leader: We wait in joy...

East Side: As the earth brings forth crops, and the garden grows its seeds.

Leader: We wait in joy...

West Side: as the Lord God grows righteousness and praise before all nations.

ALL: With our whole being we rejoice in the Lord!

*Gathering Hymn #215 "Oh, How Shall I Receive Thee"

Welcome & prayer

Lighting Advent candles

Leader: Together we ponder.

People: We're so ordinary. Will God really work through us?

Leader: Do not be afraid! Nothing is impossible with God.

The mighty one has done extraordinary things and holy is God's name!

Candle lighting hymn #229 "Unexpected and Mysterious"

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

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

Embodied scripture: Luke 1:26-46a

Advent music *Magnificat***

Drama "A Mary Carol"***

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

Offertory *Lo, how a Rose e'er Blooming*, arranged by Hans Micheelsen

Advent music *Lo, How a Rose***

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

Introduction of visitors

Work of the church

*Sending Hymn #263 "From Heaven Above to Earth, I Come" (verses 1 -3)

*Benediction

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

**Credits:

Magnificat is composed by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend

A Mary Carol is written by Katherine Willis Pershey. Performed by: Eliza Crosby, Hannah Needham, Adela Peña Martin, Alexandra & Katherine Pooh, Malia Shungu. Directed by Courtney Malcolm.

Lo, How a Rose is arranged by Michael Conelly

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.