



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 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 5 (downstairs)

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY: NEXT SUNDAY (DEC. 10) AT FMC:

Greeters: Clark Breeze & Kate Falk
 Worship Leader: Abby Crosby
 Candle Lighters: Beth Rempe & Hazel Rempe Malekin
 Children’s Story: Lynne Sancken
 Song Leader: Rudy Moyer-Litwiller
 Piano: Bev Birkey Potts
 Advent Music: Choir Chimes
 Scripture Reader: Bob King
 Embodied Scripture: Pastor Deb
 Sermon & Sharing: Pastor Deb
 Zoom: Rachel Miller-Haughton; Audio: Emerson Nafziger
 Visuals: Donna Evans & Lynne Sancken
 Worship Nursery: Taniya Boone & Chuck Gibson
 Sunday school Nursery: Mary Hines & Doug Malcolm
 Stewards: Scott Bidner & Denny Seaman
 Refreshments: Chuck & Rhonda Gibson

Advent 2: Waiting in Joy
 Greeters: Clark Breeze & Kate Falk
 Worship Leader: Pastor Michael
 Candle Lighters: Doug, Courtney & Findlay Malcolm
 Song Leader: Pastor Deb
 Piano: Ruth Stoltzfus
 Advent Music: Choir
 Children’s Story: Lynne Sancken
 Embodied Scripture: Mary Biddle (Luke 1:26-45)
 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: Laurence Koehn & Rebecca Bare

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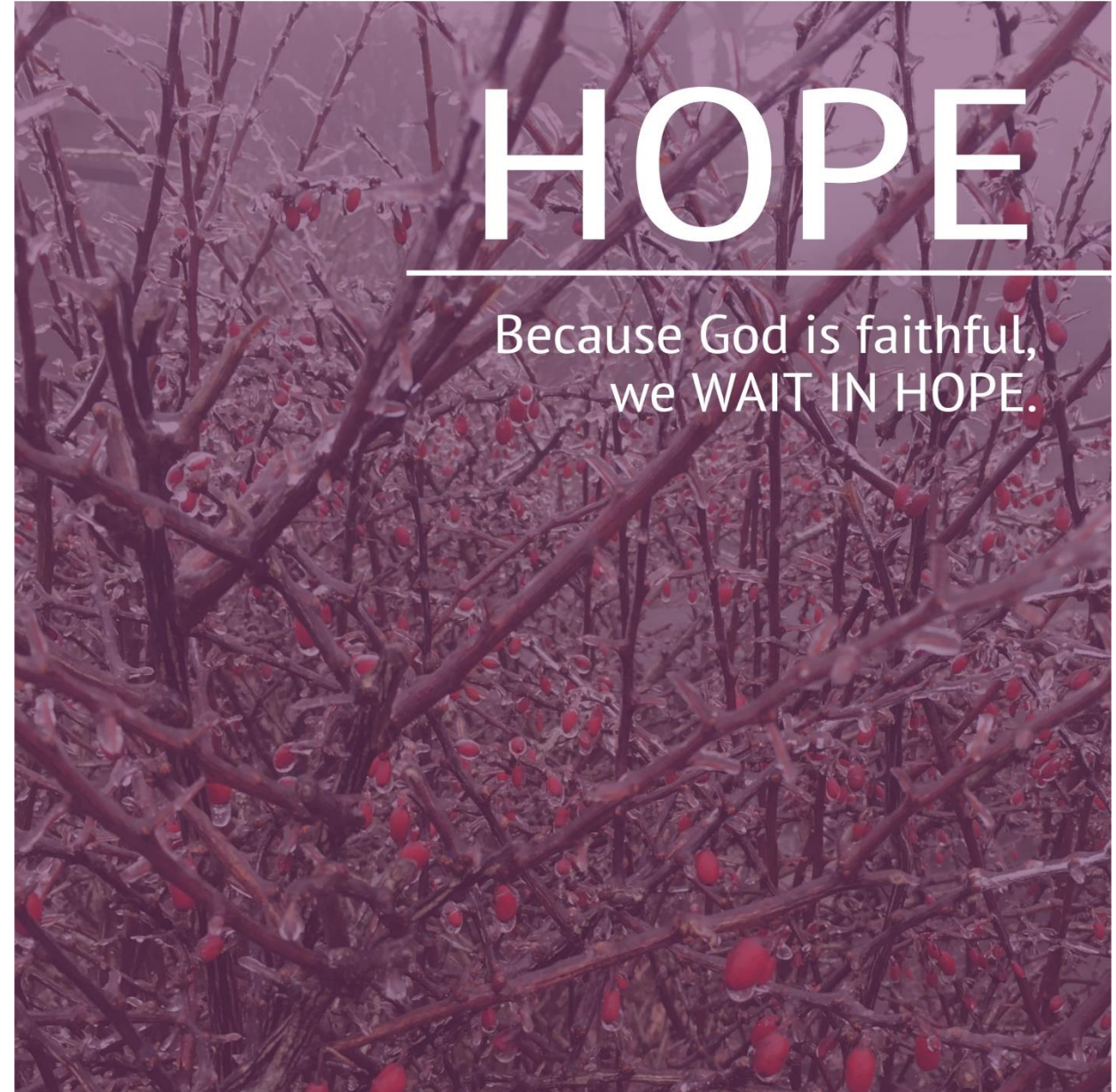
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WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.



Celebration of Worship

December 3, 2023



Waiting in Hope

Centering chimes

Prelude

*Call to worship (based on Isaiah 64:1-9)

Leader: O God, tear open the heavens and come down.

People: Let the mountains quake at your presence and make your name known.

Leader: Our eyes have not seen.

People: Our ears have not heard.

ALL: And your awesome deeds we did not expect.

Leader: Do not hide your face from us.

People: We are the clay and you are the potter.

Leader: We are the work of your hands.

ALL: We are your people, and we wait in hope.

*Gathering Hymn #225 "We Come"

Welcome & prayer

Lighting Advent candles

Leader: Together we wait.

People: How long must we wait?

Leader: No one knows when the time will come.

Wait in hope, strengthened by God's faithfulness.

Candle lighting hymn #228 "Wait for the Lord"

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

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

Scripture Isaiah 64:1-9 and 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Sermon

Embodied scripture: Psalm 80:3-7, 17-19

***Response Hymn #828** "There's a Wild Hope in the Wind"

Offering prayer

Offertory (*offerings can be placed in the offering plates as the greeters come by*)

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

Advent music
Adeste Fideles
Jesous Ahatonhia

Introduction of visitors

Work of the church

***Sending Hymn #259** "To Us a Child of Hope is Born"

*Benediction

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

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.