



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

February 4, 2024



First Mennonite Church of Champaign Urbana
1964 - 2024

Centering chimes

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: We worship looking back.

East: With thanksgiving for what we have been given.

West: With repentance for where we went wrong.

Leader: We worship in the present.

East: Asking for courage for what needs to be done.

West: Seeking community to share the journey.

Leader: We worship looking forward.

East: With the belief that we can make a difference.

West: With confidence that God is with us.

ALL: We worship with all that we are.

***Gathering hymn #549** "Be Thou My Vision"

Welcome and prayer

***Praising Hymn #563** "Come Thou Fount"

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

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

Scripture Micah 6:8; Matthew 5:1-16; Romans 8:31-39

Sermon

***Response Hymn #420** "God of the Bible"

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

Offertory *The Gift of Love* arr. by Hal Hopson

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

Birthday Prayer of Thanksgiving Hymnal #963

Hymn #682 "Lord, Listen to Your Children"

Introduction of visitors

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

***Sung benediction #70** "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

**Stand in body or in spirit. Children are invited to wave the 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 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)

Jesus & John Wayne: Sanctuary
Be Still and Know: Room 7, Downstairs
Coffee & Conversation: Room 13, Downstairs
High school & College: Room 5, Downstairs

CHILDREN'S CLASSES (downstairs)

Kindergarten – Grade 2 Grade 6: Room 10/11
Grade 3 - 6: Room 3

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

MONDAY

- Worship Committee (11a)

THURSDAY

- Thursday Morning Bible Study (9:30a)
- Beloved Community Bible Study at FMC (6:30p)

FRIDAY

- Pastor Congregation Relations Committee (3p)

SUNDAY

- Word of Witness during worship: Chad Hoffman, Executive Director, Habitat for Humanity

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

Thank you to all who donated in support of our FMC One Winter Night team, Rebecca Bare & Rea Koehn. It is still possible to donate if you wish to contribute: <http://tinyurl.com/OWN24-Bare-Koehn>.

Next Sunday, February 11 during worship – Chad Hoffman, Executive Directory of Habitat for Humanity, will be our guest speaker.

Wednesday, February 14, 6 pm at FMC – Ash Wednesday service of song, readings and imposition of ashes.

Saturday, February 17, 10 am – 4 pm at Dayspring Native American United Methodist Church in East Peoria (201 N Norwood Place, E. Peoria) – You are invited to an Intertribal Winter Gathering. Admission is free. There will be native dance and drumming, Indian Fry Bread, crafts and goods. There are handouts on the table by the church office.

Tuesday, February 20, 5:30 at FMC - Come to Taco Tuesday for food and fellowship. Tacos, meat, rice, and beans are provided; bring a taco topping, side, or dessert to share if you wish, though it's not required. RSVP at: <http://tinyurl.com/febTacoTue> by Sunday, February 18.

February 23 – 24 - Illinois Interfaith Conference will explore how we welcome one another into community together, and the ways that our many faiths, experiences, and identities can bring us closer together. Registration is free. Keynote speaker is Nadia Bolz-Weber. For details about location of events and to register, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/Interfaith2024>.

Saturday, March 9, 10 am - 3 pm at Camp Menno Haven - The Illinois Mennonite Conference annual meeting. Let Pastor Michael know if you are interested in attending.

June 29 – 30, 2024 - FMC is celebrating our 60th anniversary with a special weekend of events! Our celebration will include a Saturday afternoon gathering in a local park to catch up with one another, a concert at FMC on Saturday evening, and a special music-filled Sunday worship service followed by a catered lunch. Help us plan by registering at tinyurl.com/FMC60Weekend by May 1 if you plan to attend.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

Greeters: Tammie Bouseman & Bob King
Worship Leader: Randy Nelson
Song Leader: Bev Birkey Potts
Piano: Kathy Springer; **Flute:** Mary Krick
Children's Story: John MacLean
Scripture Reader: Lynne Sancken
Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael
Zoom: Mary Krick; **Audio:** Emerson Nafziger
Worship Nursery: Taniya Boone & Karla Woodson
SS Nursery: Abby Crosby & Melissa Shungu
Stewards: Lynne Sancken & Keith Springer
Refreshments: Donna Nelson Evans & Mark Evans

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 AT FMC:

Greeters: Tammie Bouseman & Bob King
Worship Leader: Tim Clink
Song Leader: Matt Yoder; **Piano:** Cheryl Koranda
Children's Story: Marcia E Nelson
Scripture Reader: Rosalee Otto; **Scripture:** Isaiah 25:1-9 and Matthew 7:24-27
Word of Witness: Chad Hoffman, Habitat for Humanity
Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael
Zoom: Megan Cox; **Audio:** Randy Nelson
Worship Nursery: Taniya Boone & Mary Krick
SS Nursery: Mary Hines & Doug Malcolm
Stewards: Mary Krick & Thom Moore
Refreshments: Mark Jaeger & TBD (helper needed)

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