



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

November 10, 2024

Centering chimes

Prelude

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place *arr. By Jay Rouse*

Call to Worship (from <https://www.ministrymatters.com/>)

Leader: Every generous act of giving is a tribute to God's love for us.

People: Lord, let us be people of generous and abundant gifts for others.

Leader: Be ready to listen and slow to react in anger.

People: Lord, prepare us to be peaceful people.

Leader: Keep your hearts and spirits ready to serve the Lord.

People: Lord, open our hearts to hear and respond to your words of life in ministries of hope and peace. AMEN.

*Gathering hymn #103

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Welcome and prayer

*Praising Hymn #514

"I Saw a Tree by the Riverside"

Children's story and offering for SIM Bangladesh Arsenic Poisoning Prevention Program (www.simbd.org/app)

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

Scripture

1 Kings 17:1-16

Sermon

*Response hymn #828

"There's a Wild Hope in the Wind"

Prayer & Offertory (*Ushers will pass the offering plates down the rows*)

Congregational Sharing & Prayer (*use the mic or text prayers to pastor Michael*)

Introduction of visitors

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

*Sending hymn #414

"Jesus Shall Reign"

*Benediction

*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

Downstairs in the Fellowship Hall - Fellowship, refreshments and children's snacks (for ages 1 year through Grade School). Parents, please assist your children during snack time.

Education opportunities for all ages from 11:15am-12pm (unless noted otherwise).

ADULT CLASSES (SEP – NOV) (upstairs/downstairs)

Painting Through the Scriptures (11a-12p): Library (*Guests welcome in this class as space allows*)

Engaging with Our Neighbors in Divisive Times: Sanctuary

Coffee & Conversation: Room 13, Downstairs

Mennonites 101: Room 5, Downstairs

CHILDREN – YOUTH CLASSES (downstairs)

Ages 2-5 years: Room 6

Grades K-2: Room 10/11

Grades 3-5: Room 3

Grades 6-8: Room 7



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

TODAY, downstairs in the fellowship hall – Final Sunday to sign cards for our undergraduate students. You are invited to write a note of encouragement for each student as they prepare for finals. Undergraduates have expressed appreciation for our "Care Package" cards.

Thanks to all who helped at the FMC Fall Work Day yesterday!

Next Sunday, Nov. 17 – Deadline to let the Worship Committee know if there is enough interest in choir chimes, an instrumental ensemble and/or a vocal ensemble during the Advent/Christmas/Epiphany season.

Next Sunday, Nov. 17 – Deadline to register to attend or help with our Taco Tuesday meal, to be held on Tuesday, November 19, 5:30 pm at FMC. Come for food and fellowship. To attend or help bring items, register online.

Sunday, November 24

- **Service of Thanksgiving** during worship. In addition to our regular offering, we'll have a Thanksgiving offering to benefit Daily Bread Soup Kitchen.
- **Thanksgiving potluck** after Sunday school. You are invited to bring a nut-free dish to share at the potluck.
- **Interfaith Grateful Gathering**, Spurlock Museum at 3 pm, hosted by the Interfaith Alliance of Champaign County. Come for fellowship, interfaith reflection and music.

Monday, November 25, 6-8 pm at FMC – Advent decorating party. Desserts will be provided.

There will be no Thursday Contemplative Prayers in November and December. We have decided to take a break and will consider whether to reconvene at the start of January. Anyone is welcome to come and pray in the sanctuary at any time when it's not in use.

FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK

(Details at: www.fmc-cu.org/events)

TODAY

- PCRC meeting 12:15p
- Sun. Spiritual Direction Group (3:30p)
- FMC reserved for private event (5:30-9p)

MONDAY

- Worship Committee (11:30a)
- Mon. Spiritual Direction Group (6:30p)

WEDNESDAY

- Wednesday AM Zoom Bible Study (8a)
- FMC Council (6p)

THURSDAY

- Thursday Morning Bible Study (9:30a)

FRIDAY

- Spiritual Leadership Team (1p)

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

- Worship (9:15a), followed by refreshments & Sunday school
- Deadline to complete seasonal music form
- RSVP/Help deadlines for Taco Tuesday

THANKS TODAY TO:

Greeters: Kate Falk & Karla Woodson

Worship Leader: Martha Moore

Song Leader: Danielle Beard

Piano: Jan Kellogg

Children's Story: Mary Biddle

Scripture Reader: Bruce Miller

Sermon: Pastor Michael

Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael

Zoom: John MacLean

Audio: Chuck Gibson

Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Mary Krick

Stewards: Mark Evans & Bob King

Visuals: Bev Birkey Potts

Refreshments: Tim Clink & Sheryl Dyck

NEXT SUNDAY, NOV. 17 AT FMC:

Scripture: 1 Samuel 1:4-20 and 1 Samuel 2:1-10

Greeters: Tammie Bouseman & Scott Bidner

Worship Leader: Sam Cox

Song Leader: Cindy Breeze

Piano: Cheryl Koranda

Children's Story: Abby Crosby

Scripture Reader: TBD

Sermon: Pastor Deb

Congregational Sharing: Pastor Deb

Zoom: Rachel Miller-Haughton

Audio: Laurence Koehn

Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Rebecca Bare

Stewards: Mark Evans & Randy Nelson

Visuals: Bev Birkey Potts

Refreshments: Randy & Marcia E. Nelson

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