



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

November 17, 2024

Centering chimes

Prelude

Call to Worship

***Gathering hymn #34** "We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer"

Welcome and prayer

***Praising Hymn #412** "My Soul Cries Out"

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 Samuel 1:4-20; 2:1-10

Sermon

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

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

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

Introduction of visitors

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

***Sending hymn #844** "May the Face of God Shine on You"

***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:

- **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 season.** If you are interested, please sign up.
- **Deadline to register to attend or help with our Taco Tuesday meal, to be held on Tuesday, November 19, 5:30 pm at FMC.**

Next 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.
- **Submission deadline for the December Vine.** Email items to Cindi Schieber.

Thursday & Friday, November 28 & 29 – The church office will be closed for Thanksgiving.

Saturday, November 30 at 10 am – Celebration of Life service for Denny at FMC. A luncheon will follow.

Saturday, November 30 at 3 pm – Join us in decorating FMC for Advent.

Sunday, December 1 during worship – First Sunday in Advent; the theme is hope.

Sunday, December 1, 6:30 pm at FMC – Annual Chrismon Service. All ages are invited to decorate the tree with symbols of Christ's life while singing hymns and listening to scripture. Our special Chrismon offering will benefit the work of the [Mennonite Disaster Service](#), which is helping with hurricane recovery efforts.

The Progressive Dinner will be held Saturday December 7, from 6-9 pm. FAQ sheets about the event are on the information table near the church office. **A sign-up sheet is downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Deadline for sign-up is December 1.** Questions? Contact Marcia E. Nelson.

A reminder from Council – Notes from FMC's October 20th conversation with Illinois Mennonite Conference Minister, Bryan Miller, are available for you to read. Hard copies are on the table near the church office and a link will be included in the Tuesday email announcements for the next few weeks. If you have any additional feedback about our dual conference affiliation, please email it the church office by December 3. Council will make a decision about next steps at the December 11th Council meeting.

FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

TODAY

- Deadline to complete seasonal music form
- RSVP/Help deadlines for Taco Tuesday

TUESDAY

- Taco Tuesday (5:30p)

WEDNESDAY

- Wednesday AM Zoom Bible Study (8a)

THURSDAY

- Thursday Morning Bible Study (9:30a)

FRIDAY

- Spiritual Direction Group (10:30a)

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

- Service of Gratitude during worship
- Thanksgiving potluck (12n)
- Interfaith Grateful Gathering at Spurlock (3p)

THANKS TODAY TO:

Greeters: Tammie Bouseman & Scott Bidner

Worship Leader: Sam Cox

Song Leader: Rudy Moyer-Litwiller

Piano: Cheryl Koranda

Children's Story: Abby Crosby

Scripture Reader: Mary Biddle & Kathy Springer

Sermon: Pastor Deb

Congregational Sharing: Pastor Deb

Zoom: Rachel Miller-Haughton

Audio: Laurence Koehn

Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Rebecca Bare

Stewards: Mark Evans & Bob King

Visuals: Bev Birkey Potts

Refreshments: Randy & Marcia E. Nelson

NEXT SUNDAY, NOV. 24 AT FMC:

Scripture: Matthew 6:25-33

Greeters: Scott Bidner & Karla Woodson

Worship Leader: Bob King

Music: Worship Band

Children's Story: Baggins

Scripture Reader: Joyce Hurd

Sermon: Pastor Michael

Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael

Zoom: Megan Cox

Audio: Emerson Nafziger

Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Mary Hines

Stewards: Clark Breeze & Randy Nelson

Visuals: Bev Birkey Potts

Refreshments: Kate Falk & Peter Dyck

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