



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

November 3, 2024

Service of Remembrance



Centering chimes

Prelude

Call to Worship *(adapted from Hymnal: A Worship Book #805)*

Leader: Today we remember those who have lived, labored, and loved among us but are now gone to their eternal rest.

**People: We praise you, God, for light that arises out of darkness,
for comfort in the midst of grief, and for hope which springs out of sorrow.**

Leader: Thanks be to God that even in separation, we experience love, peace, and hope.

***ALL: Grant us grace to affirm the promise of the One who has declared, "I go and prepare a place for you,
for I am the resurrection and the life."***

***Gathering hymn #540** "Will You Come and Follow Me"

Welcome and prayer

***Praising Hymn #478** "I Come with Joy"

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 Ruth 1:1-18 and Mark 12:28-34

Sermon

***Response hymn #652** "Before the Waters Nourished Earth"

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

Remembering Our Loved Ones *(booklet)*

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 #205** "Light Dawns on a Weary World"

***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)

Note: In place of regular adult Sunday school classes today, all adults are invited to engage with Bryan Miller in a discussion about our conference proposal. Classes for 2 years – middle school will be held as usual.

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)

Thanks to all who attended or helped with the Alice Di Micele concert last night!

TODAY through next Sunday, Nov. 10, downstairs in the fellowship hall – Cards to sign for our undergraduate students. You are invited to write a note of encouragement for each student as they prepare for finals. The Christian Education Committee has funds to send each student a small monetary gift for finals week treats. There is a donation box on the table if you would like to contribute a little to give a more generous amount to the students. Undergraduates have expressed appreciation for our "Care Package" cards.

This Wednesday, Nov. 6 – Deadline for providing your availability for the winter service list (Dec–Feb). People who indicated a willingness to help out with Sunday morning roles on the September "Work of the Church" form were emailed a link to give their availability. **If you didn't fill out a "Work of the Church" form, but would like to, please contact the church office as soon as possible.**

This Saturday, Nov. 9, 8:30am-Noon – FMC Fall Work Day. Children, youth and adults are invited to help spruce up the church building and grounds. Coffee, donuts and bagels are provided. Rain date: Nov. 23rd.

The Hospitality and Fellowship Committee invites you to provide a meal for the Sanckens as Greg heals from his fall and surgery. You can bring a meal or have one sent. Contact Lynne with regards to delivery. Please do not bring foods with dairy, grapes (includes raisins & wine), bananas, beans, or peas due to food allergies. If you wish to provide a dish, please sign up online.

The Worship Committee would like to know if there is enough interest in choir chimes, an instrumental ensemble and/or a vocal ensemble during the Advent/Christmas/Epiphany season. If you are interested, please sign up by Sunday, November 17.

Tuesday, November 19, 5:30 pm at FMC – Taco Tuesday. Come for food and fellowship. To attend or to help, register online.

Sunday, November 24

• **Service of Thanksgiving during worship, with a Thanksgiving potluck to follow Sunday school.**

You are invited to bring a nut-free dish to the potluck to share.

• **Interfaith Grateful Gathering, Spurlock Museum at 3 pm, hosted by the Interfaith Alliance of Champ. County.** Come for fellowship, interfaith reflection and music.

FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

TODAY

- Service of Remembrance during worship

WEDNESDAY

- Wednesday AM Zoom Bible Study (8a)
- Winter Service List availability due to the office

THURSDAY

- Thursday Morning Bible Study (9:30a)
- Election Season Contemplative Prayer (12:15p)

FRIDAY

- Fri. Spiritual Direction Group (10:30a)

SATURDAY

- FMC Fall Work Day (8:30a-12n)

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

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

THANKS TODAY TO:

Greeters: Tammie Bouseman & Rosalee Otto

Worship Leader: Cindy Breeze

Song Leader: Rudy Moyer-Litwiller

Piano: Janet MacLean

Children's Story: Megan Cox

Scripture Reader: Rosalee Otto

Sermon: Pastor Michael

Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael

Zoom: Phil Martens

Audio: Randy Nelson

Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Marcia E. Nelson

Stewards: Clark Breeze & Bob King

Visuals: Bev Birkey Potts

Refreshments: Chuck and Rhonda Gibson

NEXT SUNDAY, NOV. 10 AT FMC:

Scripture: 1 Kings 17:8-16

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

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