



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH  
of Champaign-Urbana

*Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.*

## Celebration of Worship

February 2, 2025



**Centering chimes**

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship** (from *Words for Worship 2*, editor: Diane Zaerr Brennehan)

Leader: The Lord is our Shepherd;

**People: we shall not want**

Leader: Come to green pastures

**People: where God restores our souls.**

Leader: Come, everyone who suffers, all who fear death,

**People: God will comfort us.**

Leader: See, the table is set, even in the midst of our enemies.

**People: God is our host and anoints us with oil. Our cups overflow.**

Leader: Surely goodness and mercy are with us every day,

**People: and God will welcome and provide for us forever.**

**\*Gathering hymn #62** "God is Here among Us"

**Welcome and prayer**

**\*Praising Hymn #74** "O Worship Our God, All Glorious Above"

**Children's story and offering for SIM Bangladesh Arsenic Poisoning Prevention Program** ([www.simbd.org/appp](http://www.simbd.org/appp))

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

**Scripture** Michah 4:1-5

**Sermon**

**\*Response hymn #11** "Mountain of God"

**Reception of New Members: Jeremiah and Stephanie Thurston**

**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 #816** "Guide My Feet"

**\*Benediction**

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\*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.**

**ADULT CLASSES (DEC – FEB)** (upstairs/downstairs)

The Great Rewiring: Sanctuary  
Turning to the Mystics: Library  
Coffee & Conversation: Room 13 (downstairs)

**CHILDREN – YOUTH CLASSES** (downstairs)

Ages 2-5 years: Room 6  
Kindergarten – Grade 2: Room 3  
Grades 3 – 5: Room 10/11  
Grades 6-8: Room 7



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

**This Friday, February 7 - CU at Home's annual One Winter Night fundraiser.** Participants Rebecca Bare and Rea Koehn hope to raise \$2,600. To contribute, visit: <https://p2p.onecause.com/own2025/rebecca-bare>.

**Tuesday evenings in February (4th, 11th, 18th, 25th) at 7 pm CT - Mennonite Action Online Winter Term Peace School.** This training series will provide you with the concrete skills you need to organize in your local community around Mennonite Action's two major areas of focus: changing the "common sense" around western support for the genocide and occupation of Palestine, and publicly demonstrating an alternative to the Trump administration's Christian nationalist ideology.

**February 16 in FMC worship - We're looking for several FMCers to share about reciprocity in your life.**

Do you have an experience of giving or receiving financial relief, or another form of reciprocity? How did it change you, your life, or your relationships? The service is part of our 5-part series on "Jubilee Living," focusing on how reciprocity, mutual aid, and debt relief are part of God's plan for a just, life-giving economy. If you have an idea for a 3-5 minute personal story/word of witness, please [contact Pastor Michael](#).

**January 26 – March 16 – East Central IL Medical Debt Relief Campaign.** Informational packets with details about the auction are on the campaign table in the foyer.

**Tuesday, February 18th at 5:30 pm – FMC Taco Tuesday.** An RSVP to attend is not needed. Help with main items and set-up/clean-up for the meal is appreciated. To help, use the signup link so that you can see what is needed and the amount to bring.

**Sunday, February 23 – Potluck at Noon, followed by our medical debt relief auction.** We are simplifying the auction by limiting the number of donations to 30 and asking people not to bring additional unexpected items the day of the auction. The auction will be in-person only and there will be no silent auction items. Signup online or contact coordinator Michelle Moyer-Litwiller with your donation information. Donation deadline is February 20.

**Saturday, March 1 at Camp Menno Haven – Annual Illinois Menn. Conference meeting.** All are welcome to attend; we can have up to 5 delegates. Talk to Pastor Michael if you plan to attend.

**March 1-2 - FMC hosts *The Sacred Circle: Native American Spirituality & Christian Friendship*.** On Saturday at FMC, there will be a workshop (10 am - 4 pm) facilitated by Ken Hayden (Lenape) and Shauna Summers (Mohawk), featuring hands-on learning, storytelling, songs, dialogue, a community meal, and ceremony. Designed for ages 16 and older. Registration is limited to 35 participants. Sunday morning worship at FMC with Dayspring Native American Church friends. Pick up a flyer from the table near the FMC office.

## FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

### TODAY

- Sun. Spiritual Direction Group (3:30p)

### WEDNESDAY

- Wednesday AM Zoom Bible Study (8a)
- Deadline for people who have signed up to help on Sunday mornings to give their Spring availability via the email send to them.

### THURSDAY

- Thursday Morning Bible Study (9:30a)
- Worship Committee (11:30a)
- Racial Justice Working Group-Zoom (3p)

### FRIDAY

- Fri. Spiritual Direction Group (10:30a)
- One Winter Night-Downtown Champ. (all night)

### NEXT SUNDAY, February 9

- Worship (9:15a), followed by refreshments & Sunday school
- Sermon: Dr. Jeff Trask, CU Reparations Coalition

## THANKS TODAY TO:

**Greeters:** Rosalee Otto, Laura & Alexandra Lasater  
**Worship Leader:** Bob King  
**Song Leader:** Bev Birkey Potts  
**Piano:** Jan Kellogg  
**Children's Story:** Earl Kellogg  
**Scripture Reader:** Lynne Sancken  
**Sermon/Congregational Sharing:** Pastor Deb  
**Zoom:** Phil Martens  
**Audio:** Emerson Nafziger  
**Worship Nursery:** Skylar U'Ren & Sheryl Dyck  
**Stewards:** Mark Evans & Laurence Koehn  
**Visuals:** Donna Evans  
**Refreshments:** Thom & Martha Moore

## NEXT SUNDAY, FEB 9 AT FMC:

**Greeters:** Rosalee Otto & Laura Lasater  
**Worship Leader:** Phil Martens  
**Song Leader:** Pastor Deb  
**Piano:** Janet MacLean  
**Children's Story:** Lesley Deem  
**Scripture Reader:** Tammie Bouseman  
**Scripture:** TBD  
**Sermon:** Dr. Jeff Trask, CU Reparations Coalition  
**Congregational Sharing:** Pastor Michael  
**Zoom:** John MacLean  
**Audio:** Randy Nelson  
**Worship Nursery:** Skylar U'Ren & Tom Sutter  
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**Refreshments:** Rhonda Gibson & Lindsey Preston

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