



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

January 12, 2025



Centering chimes

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymnal #869

***Gathering hymn #22**

“What Is This Place”

Welcome and prayer

***Praising Hymn #392**

“The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound”

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

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

Scripture

Psalm 24 and Matthew 5:13-16

Sermon

***Response hymn #6**

“Let’s Walk Together”

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 #297**

“You Are Salt for the Earth”

***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.

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



FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

TODAY

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

MONDAY

- Mon. Spiritual Direction Group (6:30p)

WEDNESDAY

- Wednesday AM Zoom Bible Study (8a)
- FMC 2024/2025 Joint Council meeting (6p)

THURSDAY

- Thursday Morning Bible Study (9:30a)

FRIDAY

- Worship Committee (11:30a)
- Fri. Spiritual Direction Group (1:30p)

NEXT SUNDAY, January 19

- Worship (9:15a), followed by refreshments & Sunday school
- RJWG letter writing campaign during fellowship
- Help deadline for Taco Tuesday
- MLK Jr. Celebration at Krannert (5p)

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

TODAY - The Worship Committee welcomes your help in taking down the Advent decorations and Christmas tree after the service. Any efforts not completed by the start of Sunday School will be completed at Noon.

Beginning this Saturday, January 18th – Anabaptism at 500 Read-a-thon. 72 hour livestream of 500 recorded voices reading through the entire Bible in multiple languages. Streaming will take place at: anabaptismat500.org and mennomedia.org.

Next Sunday, January 19

- The service will have a focus on Anabaptism at 500. It's also MLK weekend. We will also welcome Stephanie Thurston into membership.
- During fellowship time – The Racial Justice Committee invites you to write letters to our Congressional members in support of Boarding School bills. Background information can be found in latest issue of The Vine. Envelopes and stamps will be provided.
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Countywide Celebration, 5 pm at Krannert (doors open at 4pm)

Monday, January 20, 8:30 am at Vineyard Church - MLK Unity Breakfast.

Tuesday, January 21, 6-7:30 pm CT – Livestreamed worship service commemorating 500 years since the baptisms that marked the birth of the Anabaptist movement. Streaming will take place at: anabaptism-at500.org and mennomedia.org.

Tuesday, January 21 at 5:30 pm – FMC Taco Tuesday. An RSVP to attend is not needed, but help with main items and set-up/clean-up for the meal is appreciated. To help, please use the signup link so that you can see what is needed and the amount to bring. Signup by Sunday, January 19th.

Sunday, January 26:

- Potluck at 12pm - you are invited to bring a nut-free dish to share.
- Annual Congregational meeting at 1 pm; contact Pastor Michael if you want child care if you would like child care. A special email will be sent ahead of the meeting, containing the agenda, 2024 Annual Committee Reports, and the proposed 2025 budget. Printed copies will be available on the table near the foyer on January 19 for you to review ahead of time. Please make time to read the information and join us for this important time of decision-making.

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>.

THANKS TODAY TO:

Greeters: Tammie Bouseman, Cynthia Nafziger & Daniel Needham

Worship Leader: Marcia E. Nelson

Song Leader: Rudy Moyer-Litwiller

Piano: Bev Birkey Potts

Children's Story: John MacLean

Scripture Reader: Norma Nelson

Sermon/Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael

Zoom: Chuck Gibson

Audio: Emerson Nafziger

Visuals: Worship Committee

Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Mary Krick

Stewards: Kate Falk & Phil Martens

Refreshments: Keith & Kathy Springer

NEXT SUNDAY, JAN 19 AT FMC:

Greeters: Kate Falk, Wilmer Otto & Eliza Crosby

Worship Leader: Janet Elaine Guthrie

Song Leader: Danielle Beard

Piano: Ruth Stoltzfus

Children's Story: Melissa Shungu

Scripture Reader: Michelle Moyer-Litwiller

Scripture: Psalm 27:1-6, 11-14; Matthew 5:38-48

Sermon/Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael

Zoom: Mary Krick

Audio: Randy Nelson

Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Karla Woodson

Stewards: Tammie Bouseman & Tim Clink

Visuals: Worship Committee

Refreshments: Earl & Jan Kellogg

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