



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH  
of Champaign-Urbana

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

## Celebration of Worship

January 19, 2025

### Centering chimes

#### Prelude

#### Call to Worship (adapted from *Words for Worship*, ed. Arlene M. Mark, entry #87)

Leader: O God, the heavens are yours and the earth is yours. All our life belongs to you.

**People: Make us your messengers of peace and justice.**

Leader: Teach us to use the manifold resources of the earth so that none may waste and none may want.

**People: Make us your messengers of peace and justice.**

Leader: Fill us with a purpose that is holy and right and just. Fill us with a zeal to serve where there is need.

**People: Make us your messengers of peace and justice.**

Leader: May all injustice, violence, and oppression give way to fairness, mercy, and good will.

**People: Make us your messengers of peace and justice.**

Leader: May your kingdom come and your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

**People: Make us your messengers of peace and justice.**

**ALL: Unto you, O God, be all might and majesty, dominion and power, both now and evermore.**

#### \*Gathering hymn #62

“God is Here Among Us”

#### Welcome and prayer

#### \*Praising Hymn #719

“Jesus Help Us Live in Peace”

#### Children’s story and offering for SIM Bangladesh Arsenic Poisoning Prevention Program ([www.simbd.org/app](http://www.simbd.org/app))

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

#### Scripture

Psalm 27:1-6 and Matthew 5:38-48

#### Sermon

#### \*Response hymn #797

“We Are People of God’s Peace”

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

#### Reception of New Members: Jeremiah & Stephanie Thurston

#### 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 #36

“Let Us Build a House”

#### \*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)

### TODAY, January 19

- 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. Form letters, envelopes, mailing labels and stamps will be provided.
- Signup deadline to help with setup/cleanup or main items for Taco Tuesday (this Tue at 5:30p).
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Countywide Celebration, 5 pm at Krannert (doors open at 4pm)

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

**This 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.** Tune into the Anabaptism at 500 Facebook Page to watch: [anabaptismat500.org Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/anabaptismat500).

**This Tuesday, January 21 at 5:30 pm – FMC Taco Tuesday.** An RSVP to attend is not needed. We will livestream the Anabaptism at 500 worship service in one of the Sunday school rooms for those who wish to watch while eating.

### Next Sunday, January 26:

- Start of our Jubilee worship series and beginning of our community-wide campaign to help relieve medical debt in East Central IL.
- Potluck at 12pm - you are invited to bring a nut-free dish to share.
- Annual Congregational meeting at 1 pm (on Zoom, too); **contact Pastor Michael by Tuesday if you would like child care during the meeting.** 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>.

**March 1-2 - Mark your calendars as FMC hosts *The Sacred Circle: Native American Spirituality & Christian Friendship*.** Saturday workshop (10 am - 4 pm) at FMC 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, and by registration (details forthcoming). Sunday morning worship at FMC with Dayspring Native American Church friends. with Pastor Patty Johansen guest preaching and a Dayspring drum circle providing the music.

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## FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

### TODAY

- Signup deadline to help with Taco Tue
- MLK Celebration at Krannert (5p)

### MONDAY

- MLK Unity Breakfast at Vineyard (8:30a)

### TUESDAY

- FMC Taco Tuesday (5:30p)
- Anabaptism at 500 Worship service livestream (6p)

### WEDNESDAY

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

### THURSDAY

- Thursday Morning Bible Study (9:30a)

### FRIDAY

- Repair Network Prayer/Action-Zoom (3p)

### NEXT SUNDAY, January 26

- Worship (9:15a), followed by refreshments & Sunday school
- Start of Jubilee worship series
- Start of Medical Debt Relief in EC IL campaign
- Potluck (12p) – Nut free dishes only
- Annual Congregational Meeting (1p)
- Deadline to submit articles for Feb. Vine

## THANKS TODAY TO:

**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-Litwiler  
**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

## NEXT SUNDAY, JAN 26 AT FMC:

**Greeters:** Kate Falk & Wilmer Otto  
**Worship Leader:** Rhonda Gibson  
**Song Leader:** Pastor Deb  
**Piano:** Cheryl Koranda  
**Children's Story:** Rebecca Bare & Rhonda Gibson  
**Scripture Reader:** TBD  
**Scripture:** Matt. 25:35-36; Leviticus 25:8-17, 23-24  
**Sermon/Congregational Sharing:** Pastor Michael  
**Zoom:** Phil Martens  
**Audio:** Laurence Koehn  
**Worship Nursery:** Skylar U'Ren & Rebecca Bare  
**Stewards:** Tammie Bouseman & Tim Clink  
**Visuals:** Worship Committee  
**Refreshments:** Randy & Marcia E. Nelson