



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH  
of Champaign-Urbana

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

## Celebration of Worship

November 2, 2025



**Centering chimes** (*The white candle is the Christ candle; the red candle is lit in solidarity with Palestinians*)

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

Voices Together #920

**\*Gathering hymn #7**

"Come, let Us All Unite to Sing"

**Welcome & Prayer**

**\*Praising Hymn #660**

"The Lord's My Shepherd"

**Children's story and children's offering** (*for Mennonite Central Committee's (MCC) crisis response in Gaza*)

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

**Scripture**

Ephesians 1:11-23 and Luke 6:20-31

**Sermon**

**\*Response hymn #733**

"O Everlasting Love"

**Prayer & Offertory**

Ushers will pass the offering plates down the rows; "sharing" index cards may be placed in the plates.

Blank index cards are available on the greeter stand and in holders on the back of chairs throughout the sanctuary.

**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 #671**

"The Hand of God Shall Hold You"

**\*Benediction**

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\*Stand in body or in spirit. Children are invited to wave the ribbons during the hymns.

*Note: Because worship is participatory and not a performance, instead of applauding please show appreciation for preludes, offertories and special music in other ways, such as ASL, silent applause, saying "Amen" or thanking musicians later.*

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.

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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 (September - November) (upstairs/downstairs)

Footsteps of Faith: A Global Anabaptist Devotional - Library  
Strange Worship: Six Steps for Challenging Christian Nationalism - Sanctuary  
Coffee & Conversation: Room 13 (downstairs)

### CHILDREN – YOUTH CLASSES (downstairs)

Nursery (birth – 2 years): Nursery  
Ages 3-5 years: Room 6  
Kindergarten – Grade 3: Room 3  
Grades 4 – 6: Room 10/11  
Grades 7-12: Room 7



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

**TODAY and next Sunday, Nov. 9, downstairs in the fellowship hall – You are invited to write a note of encouragement for each of our undergraduate students as they prepare for finals.** The Christian Education Committee has funds to send each student a small monetary gift for finals week treats and is not in need of donations this Fall.

**Advent is just a month away.** It is traditionally a time of joyful music at FMC as we anticipate the celebration of Christmas. If you would like to contribute joyful music, please **complete a short form by this Friday, November 7.**

**This Friday, November 7 – Deadline for giving the Service & Outreach Committee feedback as it prepares recommendations for the 2026 Missions Giving portion of FMC's Spending Plan.**

Copies of the plan are on the table near the office. Please send comments, questions, or suggestions for changes or new additions to both Chair Karen McKenzie and Pastor Michael.

**This week - Pastor Deb will be out of the office beginning the afternoon of Nov. 7 – Nov. 11.** Please contact Pastor Michael with any pastoral care needs.

**This Saturday, November 8 from 8 am - 12noon at FMC - Our Fall Work Day.** People of all ages are invited to help spruce up the church building and grounds. Coffee, donuts and bagels are provided. Rain date: Saturday, November 22. Signup for a task downstairs in the fellowship hall.

**Tuesday, November 18, 5:30 pm at FMC - Taco Tuesday fellowship meal.** Come and eat, no signup needed. Bring a topping or side to share if you wish. Help with main items for the meal is appreciated.

**Sunday, November 23 at FMC – Service of Thanksgiving, with a Noon potluck and Advent decorating during fellowship time.**

**Saturday, November 23, 3 pm at Spurlock Museum – Annual Interfaith Grateful Gathering.**

**Saturday, December 6, 9:30 am – Noon at FMC – All women are invited to attend “Christmas Quiet: A Morning of Silence. A Season of Peace.”** Maisie Sparks will be our presenter as women gather to reflect on the gift of God's never-ending presence. Registration is required and space is limited to 30. Flyers are on the table near the church office. Register by November 30.

## FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

### TODAY (Sunday, November 2)

- Worship (9:15a), then fellowship & Sun. school

### TUESDAY

- Racial Justice Working Group-hybrid (1p)

### WEDNESDAY

- Wed. Zoom Bible Study (8a)
- Worship Committee (11:30a)

### THURSDAY

- Thursday Bible Study (9:30a)
- Weekly Vigil for Palestine (11:15a)

### FRIDAY

- Spiritual Leadership Team (10a)

### SATURDAY

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

### NEXT SUNDAY (November 9)

- Worship (9:15a), then fellowship & Sun. school
- Opportunity to make prayer ties during sharing & burn them after worship

## THANKS TODAY TO:

**Greeters:** Clark Breeze & Keith Springer  
**Worship Leader:** Cindy Breeze  
**Song Leader:** Pastor Deb  
**Piano:** Cheryl Koranda  
**Children's Story:** John MacLean  
**Scripture Reader:** Laura Lasater  
**Scripture:** Ephesians 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31  
**Sermon & Congregational Sharing:** Pastor Michael  
**Zoom:** Megan Cox  
**Audio:** Randy Nelson  
**Worship Nursery:** Chuck Gibson & Cindi Schieber  
**Stewards:** Tim Clink & Cynthia Nafziger  
**Visuals:** Tammie Bouseman  
**Refreshments:** Chuck & Rhonda Gibson

## NEXT WEEK (November 9) AT FMC:

**Greeters:** Clark Breeze & Randy Nelson  
**Worship Leader:** Marcia E. Nelson  
**Song Leader:** Geoffrey Herman  
**Piano:** Ruth Stoltzfus  
**Children's Story:** Rebecca Bare  
**Scripture Reader:** David Needham  
**Scripture:** Isaiah 58:6-12 & Romans 12:1-2  
**Sermon:** Guest speaker, Joyce Mast  
**Congregational Sharing:** Pastor Michael  
**Zoom:** Rachel Miller-Haughton  
**Audio:** Emerson Nafziger  
**Worship Nursery:** Skylar U'Ren & Megan Cox  
**Stewards:** Kate Falk & Laurence Koehn  
**Visuals:** Tammie Bouseman  
**Refreshments:** Thom & Martha Moore

## First Mennonite Church of Champaign Urbana

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