



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

February 1, 2026

Centering chimes (*Lighting of the Christ candle*)

Prelude

Call to Worship (#119 in *Sing the Journey*)

Leader: Let all who are thirsty come;

People: Let them drink of the water that has no price.

Leader: Let all who are hungry come;

People: Let them eat of the bread that has no cost.

Leader: All without money, come, buy, and eat!

ALL: Drink what is good, and delight in the Lord!

***Gathering hymn #35** "Come to the Water"

Welcome & Prayer

***Praising Hymn #332** "In Christ Alone"

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 John 4:1-42

Sermon

***Response hymn #377** "New Earth, Heavens New"

Congregational Sharing & Prayer (*use the mic or text prayers to Pastor Michael*)

Blessing for the 2026 Council and Committees

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

Introduction of visitors

Work of the church (*come forward to the podium mic to make an announcement*)

***Sending hymn #832** "The Lord Lift You Up"

***Benediction**

*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.

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 (December - February) (upstairs/downstairs)

Practicing Lament: How Do We Pray When Everything Goes Wrong? - Library
Make a Joyful Noise: Hymn Singing - 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:

- During worship – A blessing for our 2026 Council and committees.
- at 12n – FMC potluck. You are invited to bring a nut-free dish to share.
- at 1p – FMC annual congregational meeting. Please join us for this important time of decision-making. Information was sent by email on Friday; printed copies of all documents will be available at the meeting. Child care is provided.

This Wednesday, February 4 – The church office is closed for annual cleaning.

This Friday, February 6 – Rhonda is out of the office. Contact Pastors Michael or Deb if you need assistance.

This Friday, February 6 (overnight) - The One Winter Night Outdoor Challenge, to raise funds for the work of CU at Home. Rea Koehn and Rebecca Bare will once again participate in the outdoor challenge. Donations can be made at: <https://tinyurl.com/OWN2026-Rea-Rebecca>.

Next Sunday, February 8, 11:15a-1:45p - Christian Ed is hosting a visioning conversation for all FMC parents of children and youth. Lunch and childcare provided. Contact CE Chair David Needham or Pastor Michael with questions.

Saturday, February 14 and Sunday, February 15 – FMC Fellowship meals.

This is an opportunity to gather in homes to share a meal and deepen friendships. The meals are potluck; sign up to be a host or a guest. Hosts will contact guests with details about the meal. Signup forms are on the table near the office or signup online. **Deadline: February 8.** Questions? Contact Marcia E. Nelson, 217-359-0034 or sunboat@soltec.net.

Anabaptist World is a monthly magazine that offers articles and news from an Anabaptist perspective. FMC has a reduced-rate group subscription (\$54 for 12 issues), which is up for renewal this spring. If you would like to join, please contact the church office by Tuesday, February 10th.

FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

TODAY (Feb 1)

- Worship 9:15a, then fellowship & Sun. school
- Potluck 12n, followed by our annual FMC meeting at 1p

Tuesday

- FMC Sanctuary reserved 9a-12n
- Christian Education Comte.(downstairs) 9a
- Racial Justice Working Group-hybrid 1p
- Worship Comte. - Zoom 7p

Wednesday

- Zoom Bible Study 8a
- FMC office closed for annual cleaning

Thursday

- Thursday AM Bible study 9:30a

Friday

- Fri. Spiritual Direction Group 10:30a
- Rhonda is out of the office

Saturday

- FMC building reserved all day for a private event (8a-6p)

NEXT SUNDAY (February 8)

- Worship 9:15a, then fellowship & Sun. school
- CE Comte. & Parents meeting 11:15a-1:45p
- Hospitality & Fellowship Comte. 12n
- Sun. Spiritual Direction Group 3p

THANKS TODAY TO:

Greeters: Mary & Perry Biddle

Worship Leader: Keith Springer

Song leader: Danielle Beard

Piano: Jan Kellogg

Children's Story: Laura Lasater

Scripture Reader: Sam Cox (John 4:1-42)

Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael

Zoom: Geoffrey Herman/Timothy Herman

Audio: Phil Martens

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

Stewards: Mark Evans & Mary Krick

Visuals: Worship Committee

Refreshments: Janet E. Guthrie & Mark Jaeger

NEXT WEEK (February 8) AT FMC:

Greeters: Mary & Perry Biddle

Worship Leader: Randy Nelson

Song leader: Pastor Deb

Piano: Cheryl Koranda

Children's Story: Marcia E. Nelson

Scripture Reader: Tim Clink (John 5:1-18)

Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael

Zoom: Phil Martens

Audio: Laurence Koehn

Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Bob King

Stewards: Mark Evans & Mary Krick

Visuals: Worship Committee

Refreshments: Scott & Maggie Bidner

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