



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH  
of Champaign-Urbana

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

## Celebration of Worship

January 11, 2026

**Centering chimes** (*Lighting of the Christ candle*)

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship** (*by Laura Lasater, based on John 2:1-11*)

Leader: Come, all who gather in need and in hope. The One who was present at the beginning is present with us now.

**People: We come seeking joy, renewal, and the transforming power of Christ.**

Leader: When the well of goodness seems to have run out, when the ordinary is offered; He reveals his glory.

**People: We bring what we have, trusting God to make it more than enough.**

Leader: Come and see the work of God among us and in us, the Christ who when the time is right turns emptiness into abundance.

**ALL: We worship the One who transforms our lives and invites us into the fullness of love and joy. Amen.**

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

**Welcome & Prayer**

\*Praising Hymn #129 "O Worship Our God"

**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 2:1-11

**Sermon**

\*Response hymn #124 "For the Fruit of All Creation"

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

**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 #810 "Go, My Friends, in Grace"

\*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 (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)

**This Friday through Sunday, Jan 16 - 18 – Pastor Michael will be out of the office, serving as camp pastor for the Jr. High Winter Retreat at Camp Friedenswald.**

Please contact Pastor Deb with any pastoral care needs.

**Tuesday, January 20, 5:30 pm at FMC – Taco Tuesday 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; view the items and the quantities needed and signup by next Sunday, January 11.

**Sunday, January 25 – FMC Noon potluck, followed by our congregational meeting at 1 pm.** Year-end reports and the proposed 2026 FMC spending plan will be given to the congregation by January 18 to review ahead of the meeting.

**Sunday, January 25 – Submission deadline for February Vine.** Email Cindi Schieber.).

**Friday, February 6 (overnight) - The One Winter Night Outdoor Challenge.** This fundraiser provides a powerful opportunity for our community to learn about homelessness, build empathy for people who lack housing, and raise funds to support the work of CU at Home. Rea Koehn and Rebecca Bare will once again participate in the outdoor challenge and would like to raise \$2,000 for CU at home. If you wish to support this effort, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/OWN2026-Rea-Rebecca>.

**Pastor Michael, Pastor Deb and Rhonda Gibson are genuinely grateful and deeply humbled for the generous staff gifts given to us by the congregation this year.**

We are privileged to serve you and appreciate your amazing love and support. Thank you!

## FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

### TODAY (January 11)

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

### Tuesday

- FMC is reserved 9a-12n
- Worship Committee-Zoom 7p

### Wednesday

- Zoom Bible Study 8a
- FMC Joint Council meeting (in fellowship hall) 6p

### Thursday

- Thursday AM Bible study 9:30a

### Friday

- Friday Spiritual Direction Group 10:30a
- Facilities Committee 4p
- Pastor Michael is away at Camp Friedenswald through Sunday.

### NEXT SUNDAY (January 18)

- Worship (9:15a), then fellowship & Sun. school
- Deadline to sign up to help with Taco Tue.
- MLK Countywide Celebration at Krannert (5p)

## THANKS TODAY TO:

**Greeters:** Karen McKenzie & Greg Sancken

**Worship Leader:** Laura Lasater

**Song leader:** Pastor Deb

**Piano:** Janet MacLean

**Children's Story:** Rebecca Bare

**Scripture Reader:** Mark Evans

**Sermon & Congregational Sharing:** Pastor Michael

**Zoom:** Megan Cox

**Audio:** Emerson Nafziger

**Worship Nursery:** Skylar U'Ren & Chuck Gibson

**Stewards:** Cynthia Nafziger & Jan Sabey

**Visuals:** Worship Committee

**Refreshments:** Chuck & Rhonda Gibson

## NEXT WEEK (January 18) AT FMC:

**Greeters:** Rosalee Otto & Sam Cox

**Worship Leader:** Janet E. Guthrie

**Song leader:** Rudy Moyer-Litwiller

**Piano:** Pam Peña-Martin

**Children's Story:** Courtney Malcolm

**Scripture Reader:** Maggie Bidner

**Scripture:** John 2:13-25

**Sermon & Congregational Sharing:** Pastor Deb

**Zoom:** Chuck Gibson

**Audio:** Emerson Nafziger

**Worship Nursery:** Skylar U'Ren & Mary Hines

**Stewards:** Scott Bidner & Kate Falk

**Visuals:** Worship Committee

**Refreshments:** Thom & Martha Moore

## First Mennonite Church of Champaign Urbana

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