



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH  
of Champaign-Urbana

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

## Celebration of Worship

January 18, 2026

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

**Prelude** *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

**Call to Worship** Hymnal #851

**\*Gathering hymn #499** "In the Morning When I Rise"

**Welcome & Prayer**

**\*Praising Hymn #633** "Total Praise"

**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 2:13-25

**Sermon**

**\*Response hymn #803** "We Shall Overcome"

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

**Prayer & Offertory** *Jesus, You're the Center of My Joy*

(*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 #611** "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

**\*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.

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)

**Pastor Michael is out of the office, serving as camp pastor for the Jr. High Winter Retreat at Camp Friedenswald.** He will be in the office again on Tuesday. Please contact Pastor Deb with any pastoral care needs.

**Today is the deadline for signing up to help with main items for our Taco Tuesday meal, which will be this Tuesday, January 20, 5:30 pm.**

**Today, 5 pm, Great Hall at Krannert Center (500 S. Goodwin, Urbana) – MLK Countywide Celebration.** The event is free and open to all. Copies of flyers with information on this and other MLK Celebration events are on the table near the church office.

**Next Sunday, January 25 – FMC Noon potluck, followed by our congregational meeting at 1 pm.** Please join us for this important time of decision-making. Contact Pastor Michael if you need child care to attend the meeting. Year-end reports and the proposed 2026 FMC spending plan was sent via email on Saturday; paper copies are available today on the table near the church office.

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

**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 and would like to raise \$2,000. Donations can be made at: <https://tinyurl.com/OWN2026-Rea-Rebecca>.

## FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

### TODAY (January 18)

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

### Tuesday

- Taco Tuesday meal (fellowship hall) 5:30p

### Wednesday

- Zoom Bible Study 8a

### Thursday

- Thursday AM Bible study 9:30a

### Saturday

- Friday Spiritual Direction Group 10:30a

### NEXT SUNDAY (January 25)

- Worship (9:15a), then fellowship & Sun. school
- Potluck (12n), followed by our annual FMC meeting (1p)
- Deadline to submit articles for February Vine

## THANKS TODAY TO:

**Greeters:** Rosalee Otto & Sam Cox

**Worship Leader:** Janet E. Guthrie

**Music:** Worship Band

**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

## NEXT WEEK (January 25) AT FMC:

**Greeters:** Rosalee Otto & Sam Cox

**Worship Leader:** Phil Martens

**Song leader:** Rudy Moyer-Litwiller

**Piano:** Pastor Deb

**Children's Story:** Mary Biddle

**Scripture Reader:** Chuck Gibson

**Scripture:** John 3:1-21

**Sermon & Congregational Sharing:** Pastor Michael

**Zoom:** Rachel Miller-Haughton

**Audio:** Emerson Nafziger

**Worship Nursery:** Skylar U'Ren & Dianna Black

**Stewards:** Scott Bidner & Kate Falk

**Visuals:** Worship Committee

**Refreshments:** Tim Clink & Joyce Hurd

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