WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

November 15, 2026

Centering chimes *(Lighting of the Christ candle)*
Prelude
Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.
People: We come into God's presence, grateful for a mercy that never fails.
Leader: As God has reached out to comfort, heal, and forgive us, so are we called to stretch out our hands in love to our neighbors.
People: Open our eyes to see the hurting, open our hearts to feel with them, and open our lives to serve.
All: Let us worship the God of all comfort and walk together in compassion and peace. Amen.

***Gathering Hymn #502** "Abide with Me"
Welcome & Prayer
***Praising Hymn #84** "To God Be the Glory"
Children's story and children's offering *(for the FMC Tanzania College Scholarship Fund)*
Congregation sings as children come forward. (Voices Together #512)
Scripture Psalm 123 and 1 Thessalonians 5:1-114
Sermon
***Response Hymn #797** "We Are People of God's Peace"
Congregational Sharing & Prayer *(use the mic or text prayers to Pastor Michael)*
Offering & Offertory *(Ushers will pass the offering plates down rows)*
Introduction of visitors
Work of the church *(come forward to the podium mic to make an announcement)*
***Sending Hymn #669** "Soon and Very Soon"
***Benediction**

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*Stand in body or in spirit. Children are invited to wave 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: 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 one year through Grade School. Parents, please assist your children during snack time.

Education opportunities for all ages from 11:15am-12pm.

ADULT CLASSES-upstairs/downstairs (Sep - Nov)

So We and Our Children May Live - Sanctuary
Sacred Parenthood – FMC Library
Coffee & Conversation: Room 13 (downstairs)



CHILDREN – YOUTH CLASSES (downstairs)
Nursery (birth – 2 years): Nursery
Preschool & Kindergarten (ages 3-5 years): Room 3
Grades 1 - 5: Room 10/11
Middle & High school (grades 6-12): Room 7

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

Today, November 15 downstairs in the fellowship hall – Final day to write a note of encouragement for each of our undergraduate students as they prepare for finals.
The Christian Education Committee sends each student a small monetary gift for a study treat.

Today, November 15 – Deadline for signing up to help bring a main item for our Taco Tuesday meal at FMC on November 17th at 5:30 pm.

Next Sunday, November 22:

- Service of Thanksgiving during worship, with a special offering for Feeding Our Kids of Champaign County.
- Advent decorating will happen during fellowship time (10:45-11:15a).
- Thanksgiving potluck at 12n. You are invited to bring a nut-free dish to share.
- Annual Interfaith Grateful Gathering at Spurlock Museum, 3p. The theme, "Love Your Neighbor," will feature Youth Art Contest winners, the Urbana HS Mariachi Tigres Band, and local faith-inspired efforts to feed our neighbors.

Sunday, November 29:

- **Advent begins; our theme this year is "God's Dream."**
- **Annual Chrismon Service at 6:30p.** All ages are invited to join us in decorating the tree with symbols of Christ's life while singing hymns and listening to scripture.
- **Deadline for our FMC December Vine.**

Saturday and Sunday, December 5th and 6th – FMC hosts a weekend with Rev. Sarah Augustine.

- Saturday, December 5 from 3-7p, Sarah conducts a training on "Decolonizing and Organizing for Systems Change. A meal is included; space is limited. Register by Nov. 29.
- Sunday morning, December 6, Sarah preaches and facilitates an adult Sunday school class.
- Sunday, December 6, 6:30-8p, Sarah gives the keynote, "Embodying Hope: Indigenization, Repair and Land Return." This event is free and open to the public.

Saturday, December 12, 6-9 pm – FMC Progressive Dinner, open to all ages. Look for an online signup beginning in this Tuesday's email. There will also be a paper signup.

Thank you to all who helped with the FMC Workday yesterday; many tasks were completed!

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MORE ABOUT FMC

New to FMC?
Scan the QR code to learn more about us or to let us know how you want to become more connected.

FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

Today
- Worship 9:15a, then fellowship & Sun. school
- FMC reserved for private event (5-8p)
- Signup deadline for main items for Taco Tue.

Tuesday
- Taco Tuesday meal at FMC (5:30p)
- Worship Committee, in FMC library (6:30p)

Wednesday
- Zoom Bible Study (8a)

Thursday
- Thurs. AM Bible Study (9:30a)

Friday
- Service & Outreach Committee-hybrid (3p)

Saturday
- Assoc. Pastor Search Committee (1p)

NEXT SUNDAY (November 22)
- Worship 9:15a-Thanksgiving service, then fellowship & Sunday school
- Thanksgiving potluck (12n)
- Interfaith Grateful Gathering at Spurlock (3p)

THANKS TODAY TO:

Greeters: Tammie Bouseman & Keith Springer
Worship Leader: Sheryl Dyck
Song Leader: Danielle Beard
Piano: Ruth Stotlzfus
Children's Story: Courtney Malcolm
Scripture Reader: Nancy Seaman
Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael
Zoom: Rachel Miller Haughton
Audio: Emerson Nafziger
Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Bob King
Stewards: Tim Clink & Peter Dyck
Visuals: Lynne Sancken/Donna Nelson Evans
Refreshments: Joyce Hurd & Courtney Malcolm

NEXT WEEK (November 22) AT FMC:

Worship theme: Service of Thanksgiving

Greeters: Tammie Bouseman & Greg Sancken
Worship Leader: Janet Elaine Guthrie
Song Leader: Geoffrey Herman
Piano: Janet MacLean
Children's Story: Lynne Sancken & Baggins
Scripture Reader: Kathy Springer
(Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Ephesians 1:15-23)
Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael
Zoom: Chuck Gibson
Audio: Laurence Koehn
Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Eliza Crosby
Stewards: Tim Clink & Scott Bidner
Visuals: Lynne Sancken
Refreshments: Maggie Bidner & Bev Hertle