

# First Mennonite Church

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## **TODAY'S SERVICES**

November 29, 2020

9:00 a.m. Sunday School - - - 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship

**NO EVENING SERVICE**

Morning worship is broadcast at 10 a.m.

Radio – 1440AM, 100.9FM; Scanner – frequency 161.76

Online – [www.firstmennonite.org](http://www.firstmennonite.org)

Guest Wi-Fi password - fmcguest

Jeff Linthicum – Senior Pastor

Jim Schwartz – Care & Visitation Pastor

Bill Helmlinger – Youth Pastor

Brent Hyman – Music & Worship Ministries

# WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

ORGANIST --- Scott Lehman ✝ WORSHIP LEADER --- Brent Hyman

Prelude *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel/Pethel*

Welcome Brent Hyman

*\*Light of the World*

Come to the Manger: Hope for Advent Steve and Nikki Lehman

Candle of Hope Ringger Family

*\*#173 [blue] Savior of the Nations, Come*

*\*King of Kings*

\*Scripture: Isaiah 7:14 Lana Shoaf  
John 14:23-31

Special Music: *O Holy Child* Cox

Chris Hyman, Mary Zuercher, Rick Sprunger, and Brent Hyman

Children ages 4-Kindergarten may walk to Children's Church.

Message *Our Hope/Pastor Jeff Linthicum*

*\*Hope Has a Name*

Prayer and Share/Offering Neal Reusser

*\*#250 [brown] O Little Town of Bethlehem*

\*Benediction Pastor Jeff Linthicum

\*Postlude *The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns/Johnson*

If you would like someone to pray with you following the service, please go to the chapel, as someone is waiting to pray with you.

## TODAY AT FIRST MENNONITE

On the scanner and TV today is the Helping Hands Class.

9:00 a.m. Sunday School – Pastor Jim Schwartz  
NO EVENING SERVICE  
8:00 p.m. Youth Bell Choir – choir room

### ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

#### TUESDAY – December 1

6:30 p.m. Sunshine Hour (not on livestream; listen on scanner)

#### WEDNESDAY – December 2

5:15 p.m. GraceNotes Bell Choir  
6:20 p.m. JAM/Mennonotes practice  
7:00 p.m. Chapel – Pastor Jim Schwartz  
7:00 p.m. Elective: *The Meaning of Marriage* video series in room 15  
7:00-8:00 p.m. Magnetic Nativity cutting in the FLC

#### SATURDAY – December 5

6:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Youth Service Project at Harvest Community Food Bank

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**This year's commission affirmation** balloting on December 6 will be held on the main level by the chapel wall. This will take place before Sunday School, between Sunday School and church, and also after church. You are eligible to vote for each commission under which you serve. You do not have to be a commission or a committee member to affirm, only serve. You should vote for each commission under which you serve. **Commission nominees** this year are Worship: Ted Beitler and Erin McKean; Care: Lois Lehman and Sara Meyer; Witness: Becky Bryan and Cindy Reusser; Disciple: Randy Sprunger and Jenna Smith.

**Today** is Project Share. Our church is requested to provide pasta this month; however, all donations are appreciated.

**Young Adults:** Are you a young adult looking for Sunday morning community and encouragement? Join the Young Adult class for an in-depth look at the historical grounds of the Christmas story. Beginning today (Nov. 29) at 9:00 a.m. in the classroom behind the choir loft, we will study Lee Strobel's four-week series called "A Case for Christmas". We are excited to learn more about Christmas together!

**Advent Adventure** bags are still available. See Debby or Chris if you need one.

**How about beginning** the new year by memorizing scripture? The Scripture Memory program (formerly conducted by Judy Moser) can accomplish this. The program is open for all ages. For more information or to sign up, contact Jeff Bryan at 849-3263. Make this investment by hiding God's Word in your heart.

**December 13 Manger Project:** Sign up online now for this family Christmas event! If you are able to help pre-cut wood for the Manger Project, please sign up at the display. Chris Hyman will contact you with details.

**Reminder:** There will be no Wednesday night meals in December.

**On Wednesday, Dec. 16,** we will show the Christmas movie “The Last Straw” in the FLC.

**We are compiling** video greetings for Swiss Village to be played during the service on **Sunday, Dec. 20.** You can participate by emailing or texting a short video to [chris@firstmennonite.org](mailto:chris@firstmennonite.org) or stopping by HeBrews during one of the times below to be recorded. You can record a personalized greeting to someone specific, or a general greeting. If you are sending a short video, please submit it by Dec. 2.

- TODAY: 9:40 a.m.-10 a.m. and after church
- Wednesday, Dec. 2: 6:40 p.m.-7 p.m. and after church

**We have an** amazing group of volunteers who faithfully serve by teaching at First Mennonite Church. In this time of Thanksgiving, we are truly thankful for your service. Appreciation gifts have been placed in the room where you teach, labeled with your name. If you do not find them, please look in your attendance folder (kids ministry) or check with the head teacher in your class.

**The sympathy** of the congregation is extended to the family of Alice Liechty, who passed away on November 11; also to the family of Vera Culp, who passed away on November 22.

**The prayers** and best wishes of the congregation are extended to Tristan and Esmee Bailey, who were married here on Saturday, November 14.

## **YOUTH NEWS**

**Saturday, Dec. 5:** Youth Service Project at Harvest Community Food Bank in Fort Wayne. The time commitment is 6:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. This is a great opportunity for us to show the love of Jesus by helping fill a need for Harvest Food Bank and those coming to get food. You will need to dress warm because we will be outside. Masks and gloves will be needed. Please let me, Pastor Bill, know by December 2 or sooner! An online registration is needed for their records. Here is the link: <http://frstmennoniteyouth.communityharvest.volunteerhub.com/>.

**Sunday, Dec. 6:** Youth Swiss Village Christmas Card project following the morning service down in the youth room until 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. We will be writing Christmas cards to our Swiss Village and Chalet Village congregants. Sign up by December 2.

**Sunday, Dec. 13:** 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Class party following the morning service down in the youth rooms until 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided.