



*Let us come
into His presence
with thanksgiving...*

Psalm 95:2

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

November 23, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

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

Prelude

Now Thank We All Our God/Pethel

Welcome

Brent Hyman

*#210 [brown] *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

*#147 [brown] *How Great Thou Art*

**Bless God*

Anthem

Heavenly Father, We Appreciate You/Schubert

Chancel Choir

Announcements

Brent Hyman

Children's Story

Greta Lehman

After the story, children ages 4-Kindergarten may walk to Children's Church.

Offering Prayer

Tom Fox

Offertory

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come/Dobrinski

Grace Notes

*Scripture: 3 John 1:1-4

Jess Meyer

Message

What Is Your Witness/Pastor Jim Schwartz

**Find Us Faithful*

Intercessory Prayer

Kent Liechty

**Take My Life*

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Schwartz

*Postlude

Come, Christians, Join to Sing/Lasky

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

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School (chapel): Heidi Lehman
6:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Service at West Missionary

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

TUESDAY – November 25

- 6:30 p.m. Sunshine Hour (not on livestream; listen on scanner)
7:00 p.m. Handel's *Messiah* rehearsal

WEDNESDAY – November 26

NO FELLOWSHIP MEAL OR EVENING ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY – November 27

HAPPY THANKSGIVING! (CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED)

FRIDAY – NOVEMBER 28

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

SUNDAY – November 30

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: Pastor Jim Schwartz
10:00 a.m. "Hope" with Pastor Jeff Linthicum
4:00 p.m. Worship service at Envie Healthcare of Berne

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Project Share: Next Sunday is Project Share. This month our church is requested to provide pasta; however, all donations are appreciated.

Operation Christmas Child: Shoeboxes are due TODAY in Room 9. **THANKS SO MUCH TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED FILL A SHOEBOX!**

Envie Service: Please join us at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 30, for a service at Envie Healthcare of Berne. It is a great opportunity to spend some quality time with the residents as we worship together (this takes the place of the Sunday evening service).

Commission Affirmation: This year's commission affirmation balloting is Sunday, Dec. 7, 2025, and 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 on a commission or be a committee member to affirm, only serve. You should vote for each mission under which you serve. Commission nominees this year are Worship: Carson Tumbleson and Ava Hirschy; Care: Sondra Lehman and Elizabeth Fruechte; Witness: Graham Hart and Blake Gilbert; Disciple: John Stauffer and Brandon Fruechte.

Advent Activities: Check out the Family Resource wall for a couple of Advent activities available now! Advent begins next Sunday, Nov. 30.

Night in Bethlehem: Mark your calendars now for “Night in Bethlehem” on Sunday, Dec. 14, from 5:00-8:00 p.m.! Food, set-up, Bible times characters, and shop owners are needed. Please check out the chapel wall to see how you can help!

Ohio State International Students: Friday, Dec. 19-Sunday, Dec. 21, is the weekend to host these students through the auspices of International Friendships. Prayerfully consider joining this evangelistic opportunity showing hospitality in Jesus’ Name. There needs to be a minimum of 10 host families by Sunday, Nov. 30, or the offer will be cancelled. Registration papers are on the table in the foyer. Please use the QR code, along with the hard copy that will remain on the table for Tad Wulliman and Mike Collett to collect.

Funeral Committee: Ladies, we need your help! The Funeral Committee needs ladies to step up and chair the meals. We have enough ladies to help prepare the meals, but need more people to be in charge. If you are interested in helping, please call the church office.

Children’s Ministries Openings: We have these openings this winter: Preschool Children’s Church (crafts once a month); 4th/5th grade Sunday school (once a month); and K-2 Wednesday night teacher (every week for the quarter). Please contact Chris Hyman at chris@firstmennonite.org or call her at (260) 525-9967. You may also use the church app to let us know of your interest!

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Olha Kalchenko and her family in the death of her father in Ukraine.

YOUTH NEWS

Friendsgiving: Youth will have a Friendsgiving meal this Wednesday, Nov. 26, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. down in the Fellowship Hall area. Entrée and drink will be provided. Youth are to bring a side dish to share.