

*Peace*



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

# FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

December 7, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.

## WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

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

Prelude

*Christmas Intrada/Conte*

Welcome

Announcements

\*#277 [brown] *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Reader's Theatre: "This is Advent: Peace"

Steve & Nicki Lehman

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

\*#251 [brown] *It Came upon the Midnight Clear* (vs. 1,3,4)

\**Light of the World*

Intercessory/Offering Prayer

Kent Liechty

Offertory

*O Holy Night/arr. Hayes*

Dr. Lisa Moore (Handel's *Messiah* soprano soloist)

After the offertory, children ages 4-5<sup>th</sup> grade may walk to Children's Church.

Scripture: Hebrews 13:20-21

Craig McKean

Message

*Peace/Pastor Jeff Linthicum*

\**O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (with *Even So Come*)

\*Benediction

Pastor Jeff Linthicum

\*Postlude

*Savior of the Nation, Come/Thompson*

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): Marcia Cressman  
**3:00 p.m.** Handel's *Messiah* performed by the Mennonite Choral Society

**The poinsettia** in the east hallway is in loving memory of Dale, Elaine, and Maxiene Lantz, Susie Baumgartner, and Janis Stover, and has been provided by the Dick Lantz family.

**The flowers** on the organ this morning are in memory of Erma & Lee Neuen, and have been provided by their family.

**The rose** on the organ this morning is in honor of Duke Owen, son of Corbin & Ava Hirschy, born on Nov. 26.

**Commission Affirmation:** Commission affirmation balloting is **TODAY** 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 a committee member to affirm, only serve. You should vote for each commission 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.

**Offering envelopes** for the new year will be available today. Also, if you would like to begin using the envelope system in 2026, you may pick up a box of envelopes after the worship service along the chapel wall above the patio.

## ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

### TUESDAY – December 9

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

### WEDNESDAY – December 10

**5:15 p.m.** Grace Notes rehearsal (choir room)

**5:45-6:30 p.m.** Fellowship Meal in the patio

**6:10 p.m.** JAM rehearsal (Room 7) and Mennonotes (choir room)

**7:00 p.m.** Ages 0-3: Nursery

**7:00 p.m.** Ages 4-K: Room at the bottom of the ramp

**7:00 p.m.** Grades 1-5: Family Life Center

**7:00 p.m.** Youth: Youth Room (opens at 6:30 p.m.)

**7:00 p.m.** Chapel: Genesis 35-36 (Pastor Jim Schwartz)

**7:00 p.m.** Band of Brothers: "Moral Argument" (Room 13)

**7:00 p.m.** She Shares: "Elizabeth" (Room 15)

**7:00 p.m.** Young women's (20s & 30s) small group (Room 14)

**7:00 p.m.** "Journeying through Grief": Marcia & Jamie Cressman (Room 2)

**7:00 p.m.** Prayer Shawl Ministry, Women's Ministries, and Quilting

**8:15 p.m.** Chancel Choir rehearsal (choir loft of the sanctuary)

### SUNDAY – December 14

**9:00 a.m.** Sunday School: Tad Wulliman

**10:00 a.m.** "Joy": Pastor Jeff Linthicum

**5:00-8:00 p.m.** "Night in Bethlehem"

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Menu for Wednesday, December 10:** Ham & bean soup, salad, sourdough bread, dessert, and beverages. **Meal Set-Up:** Class 96 is responsible for setting up tables in December. The Cornerstone class will set up in January.

**Advent Activities:** Check out the Family Resource wall for a couple of Advent activities available!

**Night in Bethlehem:** Please join us **next Sunday, Dec. 14**, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. for a "Night in Bethlehem! Food, set-up, Bible times characters, shop owners, and SET UP HELPERS are needed this week! Please check out the chapel wall to see how you can help! Participants who have already signed up should receive an email with further details. Please contact Chris Hyman with questions.

**Children's Ministries Openings:** We have these openings this winter: 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday school (once a month); K-2 Wednesday night teacher (every week for the quarter); and NEW: Wednesday baby/toddler nursery volunteers. Please contact Chris Hyman at [chris@firstmennonite.org](mailto:chris@firstmennonite.org) or call her at (260) 525-9967. You may also use the church app to let us know of your interest!

**Ohio State International Students:** Praise God for the six families and the 14 international Ohio State students in partnership with International Friendships Ministries. They will attend the Music Sunday service on Sunday, Dec. 21. Please greet them and be in prayer for these students and the host families.

**MCC Meat Canner:** Mark your calendars! The MCC meat canner will be here at First Mennonite on **Friday, Jan. 23, and Saturday, Jan. 24, 2026**. Also, the Meat Canner Committee is looking for housing for two canner boys during their stay in Berne. The canner boys will be in town from **Thursday, Jan. 22, to Monday, Jan. 26, 2026**. For more information, please contact Paul Bluhm at (260) 223-2142.

**Missionary Prayer Requests:** Please continue to pray for our missionaries (prayer request sheets are on the table in the foyer). This is also a good time for each of us to send an email or card to any of our missionaries letting them know you are remembering them. This will be especially appreciated as the Christmas season approaches, and many are away from family. Prayer support is vital.

**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.

**The sympathy** of the congregation is extended to Joe & Julie Adams and other family and friends in the death of Richard Adams on Dec. 2.

## YOUTH

**Christmas Party:** The Youth Christmas party is **Wednesday, Dec. 17**. Please bring a gift for the gift exchange (\$10 maximum).

**Ski Trip:** Join us on **Saturday, Jan. 24**, as we experience Midnight Madness at Mad River Mountain, located in central Ohio. Please sign up in the Youth room.

**Winter Retreat.** The Youth Winter Retreat is scheduled for **Jan. 30-Feb. 26, 2026**. Please sign up with the QR code in the Youth room.