

First Mennonite Church

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Blessed are the
MERCIFUL,
for they will be shown
MERCY.

Matthew 5:7 NIV

TODAY'S SERVICE

February 22, 2026

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

Morning worship is broadcast at 10:00 a.m.

6:30 p.m. Evening Service

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

Online – www.firstmennonite.org; guest Wi-Fi password – fmcguest

Jeff Linthicum – Senior Pastor

Jim Schwartz – Care & Visitation Pastor

Brent Hyman – Music & Worship Ministries

Chris Hyman & Josie Pfister – Children's Ministries

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE
ORGANIST --- Scott Lehman ✦ WORSHIP LEADER --- Brent Hyman

Prelude *In Thee Is Gladness/Wood*

Welcome Brent Hyman

Call to Worship: Romans 5:20-21

*#11 [brown] *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

*#139 [brown] *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* (vs. 1,2) Ava Hirschy

**His Mercy Is More*

*#347 [brown] *And Can It Be?* (vs. 1,2,4)

Children's Story Heidi Lehman

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

Intercessory/Offering Prayer Bill Beachey

Offertory *Swing Low/Marvin*

Brass Ensemble

*Scripture: Psalm 18:25, Matthew 5:7 Easton O'Dell

Message *Mercy/Pastor Jeff Linthicum*

*#145 [blue] *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* (vs. 1,2,4,5)

**Echo (In Jesus' Name)*

Announcements

*Benediction Pastor Jeff Linthicum

*Postlude *The Rejoicing/Handel*

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
9:00 a.m. Spiritual Gift of Discernment class: Tim Sprunger and Pastor Jim Schwartz (Room 2)
6:30 p.m. Revelation 10: Pastor Jim Schwartz

Project Share: Today is Project Share. This month our church is requested to provide **monetary donations**; however, all donations are appreciated.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

TUESDAY – February 24

- 6:30 p.m.** Sunshine Hour (not on livestream; listen on scanner)
7:00 p.m. Mennonite Choral Society rehearsal

WEDNESDAY – February 25

- 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 44: Craig McKean
7:00 p.m. Band of Brothers: “Is God a Monster?” (Room 13)
7:00 p.m. She Shares: Shiphrah and Puah (Room 15)
7:00 p.m. Young women’s (20s & 30s) small group: Galatians (Room 14)
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 – March 1

- 9:00 a.m.** Sunday School (chapel): Heidi Lehman
10:00 a.m. “Faith”: Pastor Jeff Linthicum
6:30 p.m. Revelation 11: Pastor Jim Schwartz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Menu for Wednesday, Feb. 25: Sheet pan roasted Italian sausage, potatoes, veggies, salad, dessert and beverages.

Wednesday Meal Set-Up: The Fellowship class is responsible for setting up tables in February. The Discovery and Rooted classes will set up in March.

Camp Luz: Registration for Camp Luz is now open! Early bird pricing is available until **April 15**. First Mennonite Church helps cover the cost for all families wishing to send children to camp. Check out campuz.org for details and registration! Any questions may be addressed to Josie Pfister.

Pianists Needed: Pianists are needed for Wednesday evening services in the chapel. Please contact Becky Lehman at (260) 849-0065 for more information.

Dinner for Eight: Get to know other people from our church family by sharing a meal with them! Sign up continues for “Dinner for Eight” **today or Sunday, March 1**. Fill out a form in the foyer and leave your completed form in the basket. You can offer to host a dinner party, or simply attend one. You will be assigned to a group of eight and the host of the dinner will contact you to plan a date sometime in March or April. Eating a meal together offers a great chance to learn more about the people you worship with each week. Couples, singles, and singles again are encouraged to sign up. Please see Becky Bryan or Marcia Cressman if any questions.

VBS 2026: Mark your calendars now! This year’s VBS (combined with Berne Evangelical Church) is *Emerald Crossing – an Irish Adventure through Psalm 23*, and will be held **June 1-5** here at First Mennonite. Like David discovered throughout his life, first as a shepherd and later as a king, we’ll discover important truths about the Good Shepherd and how He cares for His sheep.

Flower Committee: The flower committee is in search of some new members. Responsibilities include: watering the geraniums outside, cleaning the artificial plants inside, and placing an arrangement (from a room of flower arrangements) in front of the pulpit each Sunday. These responsibilities would be shared with the others on the committee. If interested, please see Sue (Dave) Wulliman or Brent Hyman.

Kaixo USA: This July, Kaixo USA is bringing 40 students from Basque country, Spain, to Indiana from **June 30-July 27**. We are looking for host families—of any stage of life—to open their hearts and homes for these student. Whether you have young kids, teens, or no kids at all, you can provide a life-changing experience for a student. Most importantly, this is a wonderful opportunity to show the love of Jesus to someone from across the globe....all without leaving Indiana! Interested or have questions? Visit kaixousa.com or contact Mya McClure at myamclure22@gmail.com or call (260) 517-3237. Text, call or email—we’d love to share more! Thank you for your prayers as we earnestly seek host families and prepare for another amazing summer!

Kaixo Zoom Meeting: **This Saturday, Feb. 28**, at 9:00 a.m. you can learn more about hosting a student from Spain through Kaixo USA. Visit kaixousa.com and fill out the host family interest form to receive the link.

Congratulations and best wishes of the congregation are extended to Randy & Sara Sprunger, who will be celebrating their 53rd wedding anniversary on February 24.