

First Mennonite Church

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Blessed are the
PURE IN HEART
for they will see
GOD.

Matthew 5:8

TODAY'S SERVICE

March 8, 2026

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

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

2:00 p.m. Mennonite Youth Choir

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 *Let Us Tongues and Talents Employ/Sedio*

Welcome Brent Hyman

*Call to Worship: Psalm 103:1-5, 20-22; Isaiah 43:21

*#97 [brown] *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* (vs.1-3)

*#210 [brown] *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* (vs. 1,3,4)

**Who Else*

Offering Prayer for Conference Pastor Brent Hyman

Offertory *Hashivenu/Rao*

JAM

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

Scripture: Psalm 27:3-4; Matthew 5:8 Lilia Wheeler

Message *See God/Pastor Jeff Linthicum*

**Refiners Fire*

Prayer and Share

Commissioning of Dan Breauchy

*#89 [brown] *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* (vs. 1,3,5)

*Benediction Pastor Jeff Linthicum

*Postlude *Trumpet Tune in F-Major/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

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School (chapel): Tad Wulliman
2:00 p.m. Mennonite Youth Choir Festival concert (sanctuary)

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

TUESDAY – March 10

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

WEDNESDAY – March 11

- 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 46 (Dave Keim)
7:00 p.m. Band of Brothers: "Darwin's Design" (Room 13)
7:00 p.m. She Shares: "Woman at the Well" (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 15

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School (chapel): Darren Kloepper
10:00 a.m. "Child of God" (Psalm 34:14, Matthew 5:9): Pastor Jeff Linthicum
6:30 p.m. Revelation 12: Pastor Jim Schwartz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Menu for Wednesday, March 11: Potato bar, lettuce salad, cookies and fruit.

Wednesday Meal Set-Up: The Discovery and Rooted classes are responsible for setting up tables in March. The Family Faithbuilders will set up in April.

Wednesday Night Help Needed: We currently have two open spots with kids for the spring quarter: baby/toddler nursery and preschool (assist Josie). Please call the church office or talk to Chris Hyman (chris@firstmennonite.org) or Josie Pfister if interested.

Preschool Program: The Berne Preschool children's program will be at **6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 12**, in the sanctuary.

Spiritual Gift of Faith: If you are interested in hearing more about this gift, or if you have questions, join us **next Sunday morning, March 15**, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 2 (next to the prayer room) for a special class about this gift. We would really love to read how this gift has impacted your life! Please take time to write a brief testimony and tape it to the "Wall of Faith" across from HeBrews. Also, if you have decided to take a step of faith recently we encourage you to post that as well.

Membership/Baptism: If you are interested in becoming a member of First Mennonite Church, or would like to be baptized, please contact the church office.

Holy Week Devotional: A family devotional for Holy Week is available now at the family resource wall by the offices. Pick up one today!

Easter Sunday Men's Chorus: We are forming a men's chorus to sing for the morning worship service on Easter Sunday. All men are encouraged to sing! Our two rehearsals will be right after our morning worship services starting **next Sunday, March 15, and also Sunday, March 29**. Each rehearsal will last about 20 minutes.

Resurrection Egg Hunt: In celebration of Holy Week, families are invited to a "Resurrection Egg Hunt"—a come-and-go family fun event—on **Wednesday, April 1**, from 4:00-8:00 p.m. To guarantee supplies, please sign up by March 22 on the church app or by scanning this QR code.



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

Three Oaks Chapel: You are invited to attend Three Oaks for a special chapel honoring its supporters on **Tuesday, March 17**, at 9:30 a.m. Observe students showcasing highlights from their learning, hear stories, and see the impact your generosity has made in their education and growth. Visit classrooms and enjoy refreshments! Please RSVP by calling (260) 849-0179 or email lfox@threeoaks.org.

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.

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 camluz.org for details and registration! Any questions may be addressed to Josie Pfister (josie@firstmennonite.org).

Kaixo USA: Are you looking for a meaningful way to serve this summer? Kaixo USA is seeking families to welcome a student from the Basque Country, Spain, from June 30-July 27, 2026. Host families of any stage of life can offer English immersion, authentic American summer experiences, and show the love of Jesus to someone from across the globe—without ever leaving Indiana! Learn more at kaixousa.com or contact Mya McClure at myamcclure22@gmail.com or (260) 517-3237.

Zoom Meeting for Kaixo USA: **This Wednesday, March 11**, at 5:30 p.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

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Tim S. and his sons, Kenyon & Mary S., and other family and friends in the death of Suanne S. on March 2.