

# FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

November 6, 2011

## Prelude

## Welcome

\***Call to Worship:** Revelation 7:9-12 (insert)

\***Hymn:** "For all the saints" #636 (vv. 1, 2, 4, 8)

**New Testament reading:** Revelation 7:13-17

**Children's gathering song:** "Come and see" #20 HWB

**Children's time:** "Remembering the saints" – Mike Okerstrom

**Song:** "O when the saints come marching in"

**Gospel reading:** Matthew 5:1-12

**Sermon:** "The strange, surprising way of saints"

## Communion

*We will gather at the tables at front and back in groups of 10-12 as the ushers guide. Please hold the bread and cup until all are served and then partake together. The bread is gluten free. The cup is grape juice. All who have made a public commitment to follow Christ and share in the life of Christ's body are invited to the table. Children may come to receive a grape and blessing.*

**Communion Hymn:** "Who are these" #270 HWB

## Sharing our Joys and Concerns

### Congregational Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Our Father/Mother in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours

now and forever. AMEN

## Offering & Offertory

**Announcements** (please give in writing to worship leader)

## Introduction of guests

\***Sending hymn:** "For all the saints" #636 (vv. 3, 6)

\***Benediction**

\***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

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HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

\**Please stand if you are able*

## Community Time

**10:40 a.m.** Fellowship time

**11:00 a.m.** Faith Formation hour with classes for all ages. Visitors are welcome to join any of the adult classes:

- In the beginning...creativity – Education wing chapel
- Trauma healing – Basement fellowship hall
- Anabaptist/Mennonite Faith & Practice – Pastor's study

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**TODAY:** All Saints

**Worship leader:** Kristi Zabriskie

**Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Song leader:** Gregg Richardson

**Organ:** Jim Kuebelbeck

**Vocal ensemble:** Wendy Brunner, Anna Gambucci, Arelene Holdeman, Sandra Westby

**Instrumentalists:** Matthew Blackwell-Kinney, Chris Jones, Adam Nafziger, Neil Okerlund, Marybeth Luig, Jennifer Wandersee

**Ushers:** Casey Englund/Shawn Helmeke & Rhonda Martin

**Nursery:** Noah Skogerboe & Dan Leisen

**Fellowship:** Beth Richardson & Marybeth Luig

**NEXT SUNDAY:**

**Worship leader:** Joetta Schlabach

**Sermon:** Lynn Peterson

**Song leader:** Karen Wiebe

**Piano:** Melissa Falb

**Ushers:** Nikki Nafziger & Barb Beers

**Nursery:** Kami-Blackwell-Kinney & Jason Derrickson

**Fellowship:** Shelly Hendricks & Laurie Kaufman

Next Sunday Rev. Lynn Peterson, Congregations Relations Director at

Community Emergency Service will preach. **We will collect the**

**grocery bags that were distributed the past several Sundays.**

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*A staffed nursery for toddlers and children up to age 5 is located in the education wing. Please ask an usher if you wish to be guided to the nursery.*

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**Oct 30: Attendance:** 62

**Offering:** \$2487.00

(Weekly budgeted need: \$2984)

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**Faith Mennonite Church**  
**Pastor: Joetta Schlabach**  
**Deacons: Aryn Baxter, Shelly Hendricks**  
**Donna Minter, Neil Okerlund, Beth Richardson**

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***FMC OFFICE HOURS: Nov 7-11***

**Pastor:** Mon: 1-5; Wed 9-4; Thurs: 2-5; Fri: 9-1. Tuesday is a study day.

**Office Assistant, Julie Cross:** Tues, Weds & Thurs 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

**Email all bulletin items before Wednesday evening to:**

*faithmc@faithmennonite.org*. Bulletin is finalized and printed on Thursday.

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**November Soup Group Schedule**

“Soup Group” is an opportunity for our church community to share meals together on a regular basis. The usual schedule is 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday, with occasional exceptions due to holidays, etc., which we will experience in November. A simple meal of soup and bread is shared. To host a future Soup Group,

- Monday, Nov 7 – home of Joan Kreider
- Thursday, Nov. 17 – home of Dan & Terry Gerber

**November Birthday Brunch, Saturday Nov. 12** If you or a family member has a birthday in November, pastor Joetta invites you to her home, for brunch from 9:30-11 a.m. This invitation is for the whole family and significant others, not just the birthday person. Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the fellowship area.

**A memorial service for Mike Iverson** will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2 p.m. at Oak Grove Lutheran Church, 7045 Lyndale Avenue S, Richfield.

**Church Meetings and Events**

**Ongoing Tuesdays** – Lectionary Discussion Group, 8:30 a.m., Trotters, SP

**November 6** – Advent Worship Planning meeting, 1 p.m., chapel

**November 9** – Church Council 7 p.m. FMC

**November 11** – “Healing After War” potluck & DVD screening, 6 p.m.,  
fellowship hall

**November 12** – Birthday Brunch, 9:30-11 a.m., Schlabach home

**November 13** – Grocery Bag & Care Package return day

**November 14** – Every Church a Peace Church potluck meeting, 6/7 p.m.,  
fellowship hall

**November 15** – Christian Education Commission, 4:30 p.m., FMC

**November 20** – Thanksgiving service and Pie Social

**November 27** – First Sunday of Advent

**November 30** – Deacon Commission, 9 a.m. Richardson home

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### **Revelation 7:9-12**

Leader: After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

People: **‘Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!’**

L: And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing,

**P: ‘Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.’**

### **Revelation 7:13-17**

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, ‘Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?’ I said to him, ‘Sir, you are the one that knows.’ Then he said to me, ‘These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’

### **Matthew 5:1-12**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.’

### **Announcements**

**Tonight: MCC sale debriefing meeting**, 6:30 - 8:30, Valley Community Presbyterian Church, 3100 N. Lilac Drive, Golden Valley. Bring your ideas.

**Care packages for college students are ready to be filled!** We have 11 students that we will send boxes: Sam Bartell, Melanie Brunner, Dee Fufa, Moti Endaleu, Greta Kreider, Tony Johnson, Rachel Okerlund, Michelle Okerstrom, Geneva Martin, Haven Schrock and Aaron Zeug. We will also prepare a box for the Siggelkow family. Please bring light-weight snack and other fun items to create care to contribute **by Nov. 13.**

**Acknowledging grief and loss, and nurturing the hope within** – is an annual ecumenical service offered at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, 1500 Franklin Avenue SE. **Wednesday, November 9, 7-8 pm.** This is a small, gentle, intimate, unthreatening gathering, and has been a source of deep healing for many over the years. Anyone is welcome and those who attend are invited to bring a symbol of a loss they feel, would like to acknowledge and around which they continue to seek healing. There will be time to share the symbols and tell the stories of their loss and hope.

**Healing After War -- Potluck and DVD screening, November 11, 2011, 6 p.m.** FMC participants and friends/neighbors are invited to view a documentary produced by filmmaker Mara Pelecis, about her experience as the daughter of a Vietnam Veteran who eventually took his life. Please bring a dish to share, plus your own table service (coffee/tea will be provided). This Veteran's Day gathering gives an opportunity to learn more about the affects of war and to consider our relationship as people of peace with those who have suffered the trauma of war.

**Every Church a Peace Church** bi-monthly potluck supper meeting will meet in the FMC Fellowship Hall, **Monday, Nov. 14.** Everyone welcome to bring a dish to share for the 6:30 meal, or to come for the 7 p.m. presentation ‘Building a Social Movement, One Resolution at a Time’ by Jack Nelson-Pallmeyer. Jack, an FMC neighbor and St. Thomas Justice & Peace Studies professor, will speak about using a simple resolution process to build political support to shift federal spending from war to essential needs. Please bring your table service. Beverages are provided.

We received the following **note of thanks from Missio-Dei**, which is posted on the Missions & Service bulletin board, for the \$1900 raised at our 50th Anniversary banquet in September: *Dear Friends at Faith Mennonite, Thank you so much for you most recent gift. It is one of many gestures from your congregation to ours that have made us feel very loved and supported. We appreciate you continual efforts to establish relationship and seek out ways to support us. We look forward to many more years of getting to know each other through potlucks & sharing each other’s ministries. Love, All at Missio-Dei”*