

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

November 20, 2011

Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship** Psalm 136:1-9

Leader: O give thanks to God, for God is good,

People: God's steadfast love forever!

L: who alone does great wonders,

P: God's steadfast love forever!

L: who by understanding made the heavens,

P: God's steadfast love forever!

L: who spread out the earth on the waters,

P: God's steadfast love forever!

L: who made the great lights,

P: God's steadfast love forever!

L: the sun to rule the day, the moon and stars to rule over the night,

P: God's steadfast love forever!

Leader: O give thanks to God, for God is good,

All: God's steadfast love forever!

***Hymns:** "We plow the fields and scatter" #96 HWB
"For the fruit of all creation" #90 HWB

Old Testament reading: Habakkuk 3:17-19

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

Children's time: "An Oromo Thanksgiving" – Yeschi Lemu

Song: "Asithi: Amen (Sing amen)" #64 HWB

Gospel reading: Luke 17:11-19

Reflections on thanksgiving: Yeschi Lemu, Jesse Johnson, Chris Jones

Musical offering: "River of Gladness" by Bret Hesla – Chris Jones

Prayer of thanksgiving with sung response: "Rain down" #49 STJ

Offering & Offertory

Announcements (please give in writing to worship leader)

Introduction of guests

***Sung benediction:** "Now thank we all our God" #86 HWB (vv. 1 & 2)

***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

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

Noon: Pie Social, fellowship hall.

TODAY: A Service of Thanksgiving

Worship leader: Erin Geiser

Song leader: Hermann Weinlick

Piano: Sandra Westby

Ushers: Cori Skogerboe and Rhonda Martin

Nursery: Mark Kaufman and Matthew Hendricks

NEXT SUNDAY: Advent 1: Learning to Pay Attention

Worship leader: Shawn Helmeke

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song leader: Karen Zeug

Piano: Donna Stucky

Ushers: Paula Okerstrom

Nursery: Andy Martinson and Kristi Zabriskie

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.

Nov 13: Attendance: 87 **Offering:** \$3018.00 **Designated:** \$25.00
(Remaining budgeted needs in 2011: approx. \$35,000)

Advent begins next Sunday This year's Advent theme will be "Awesome deeds we do not expect." The Advent worship planning team is Anna Gambucci, Arlene Geissinger, Kristin Green, Shawn Helmeke, Chris Jones, and Marybeth Luing. The children are rehearsing each Sunday morning from 10:30-11:00 a.m. for the December 18 evening program.

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

**Please stand if you are able*

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FMC OFFICE HOURS: Nov 21-25

Pastor: Joetta is on vacation this week, returning home on Saturday.
Please contact a deacon for pastoral care needs.

Office Assistant: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 8:30-12:30

Julie Cross has generously agreed to provide office coverage this week while Phil Stoltzfus is out of town.

THIS WEEK ONLY, Email all bulletin items before Tuesday evening to:
faithmc@faithmennonite.org. Bulletin will be printed on Wednesday.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, Monday, Nov. 21, 7 p.m. FMC is co-sponsoring this event with five local congregations. Monetary donations will go to Glendale Townhomes Garden & Farmer's Market Project; food donations will go to Care & Share Food Shelf. St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, 1500 Franklin Ave. SE, Mpls.

Recital by the Prevailing Winds Woodwind Quintet, Monday, Nov. 21, 7 p.m., St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Ave. St. Paul. Free and open to everyone. *You are especially invited to come hear me perform. I have been a member of this quintet for 28 years!*
-Neil Okerlund

Thanksgiving Day Potluck at FMC with Missio Dei. You are invited to join other participants from FMC and the Missio Dei community for a potluck meal in the basement fellowship hall. The meal will begin at 1 p.m. Please bring a side dish to share and plan to enjoy an afternoon of fellowship. *-Fellowship Commission*

Church Meetings and Events

November 21 – December Newsletter deadline, 1 p.m. to Gregg Richardson

November 22 – No lectionary discussion group this week

November 22 – Christian Education Commission, 4:30 p.m., chapel

November 27 – First Sunday of Advent (no education hour)

November 29 – Missions & Service Commission, 7 p.m., library

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

Habakkuk 3:17-19

Though the fig tree does not blossom,
and no fruit is on the vines;
though the produce of the olive fails
and the fields yield no food;
though the flock is cut off from the fold
and there is no herd in the stalls,
yet I will rejoice in the LORD;
I will exult in the God of my salvation.
GOD, the Lord, is my strength;
he makes my feet like the feet of a deer,
and makes me tread upon the heights.

Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

Leader: For the word of God in scripture,
For the word of God within us,
For the word of God among us,

All: Thanks be to God.

Announcements

Soup Group is an opportunity for our church community to share meals together on a regular basis. The usual schedule is 1st Monday, 2nd Tuesday, 3rd Thursday, and 4th Friday, with occasional exceptions due to holidays, etc. A simple meal of soup and bread is shared. Upcoming dates:

- **Friday, Dec. 2** — home of Joan Kreider, Phil & Candace will give an update on the CPT Peacemaker Congress that they attended in Chicago on Oct. 13-16. Please RSVP to Joan by Wednesday, Nov. 30.

Announcements

Several people will be received into **membership in our congregation on Sunday, December 18**. If there are others who would like to consider membership at this time, please contact pastor Joetta or one of the deacons.

For anyone who wishes to receive a subscription, FMC provides *one* Mennonite publication for members or regular attenders. You can choose from either the monthly denominational magazine *The Mennonite*, or the *Mennonite Weekly Review*. We are currently **renewing our group subscriptions to *The Mennonite***. Anyone who doesn't already have another subscription and would like to receive this monthly magazine may **sign up** on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary or by emailing the office at faithmc@faithmennonite.org. **Shared copies of publications** are located on the magazine rack. Anyone may borrow copies as needed.

Anticipating Advent, beginning Nov. 27

- For the Sundays in Advent, we would like to use as many amaryllis plants as possible. If anyone is interested in buying a plant and having it used in church, there is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church for you to indicate your interest. Information regarding price and color options is on the sheet. Please direct any questions to Arlene Geissinger. Thanks for your consideration.
- We would also like to incorporate some personal stories in Advent worship, following the theme "Awesome deeds we did not expect." The stories will be written up and read by the worship leader. **If you are willing to share a story** with the Advent worship planning committee on any of the following topics, please contact Joetta:
 - Learning to pay attention
 - Changing the landscape
 - Transforming our sorrow
 - Reordering our world
- We are forming a **mixed voice choir for a Sunday worship performance on December 18th**. We will be singing, "People Look East." The arrangement calls for piano, drum and violin. All are invited, even if you don't consider yourself a good music reader. We will have **one rehearsal, during the Sunday School hour on December 11th**, plus a brief rehearsal just before church on the 18th. This is a great opportunity for those of you who want to sing in a choir but find yourself holding back. – *Neil Okerlund*