

**FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH**

“God’s Earth: honoring, loving, protecting, healing”

December 2, 2018

**\*Gathering Song:** “Come, thou long expected Jesus” #178 HWB

**Musical Interlude**

**\*Welcome and Call to Worship**

Leader: Watch! Wait!

The day of God is at hand!

**People: Like the bud on a tree,**

**God’s possibilities are about to blossom!**

L: Stay awake!

The reign of God is very near.

**P: We are here,**

**watching and waiting with hope.**

*ALL: May God bring justice to all people  
on this day.*

*May God’s reign come on earth  
as in heaven.*

**\*Hymn:** “Creator of the stars of night” #177 HWB

**Children’s Gathering Song:** “O come, all ye faithful” #212 HWB v. 1

**Children’s Time** ~ John Ratigan

**Hymn:** “Praise to God, immortal praise” #91 HWB

**Scripture Reading:** Habakkuk 1:1-7; 2:1-4; 3:3b-6, 17-19

**Sermon:** “The Lord is my strength”

**Hymn:** “Lord, should rising whirlwinds” #92 HWB

**Communion:** “Pan de Vida” #85 STJ

*All who have made a commitment to follow Christ and share in the life of Christ’s body are invited to the table. We will gather in circles at the front and back tables, as the ushers direct. The bread is gluten free; the cup is grape juice. Children/unbaptized youth may come to receive a grape and blessing. Please return to your seat s by the side aisles.*

**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns** (*It is a joy to welcome guests; this can be a time for guest introductions.*)

**Congregational Prayer and 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 and Offertory** ~ You’re welcome to write something you’ve done for God’s creation this week on a paper leaf and place it in the offering basket as an offering to God.

**Announcements**

**\*Sending hymn:** “I’m pressing on the upward way” #96 STJ

**Benediction**

**Pass the peace**

**Postlude**

Community Time

**10:40: Fellowship Time**

**11:00: Christian Education for all ages**

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**TODAY:** Faith as a Way of Life / Communion

**Worship Leader:** Barbara Beers

**Sermon:** Ry Siggelkow

**Song Leader:** Wendy Brunner

**Musicians:** Sandra Westby,

**Ushers:** Minke Sundseth, Thaine Dirks

Jenny Wandersee

**Nursery:** Elena Vidas, Marcia Siggelkow

**Fellowship:** Alisa Bardo-Martinson & Andy Martinson

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**NEXT SUNDAY:** For such a time as this, Esther was made queen

(*Esther 4:1-17*)

**Worship Leader:** Barbara Beers

**Sermon:** Ry Siggelkow

**Song Leader:** Phil Stoltzfus

**Piano:** Gregg Richardson

**Ushers:** Dan Gerber, Shelly Hendricks

**Nursery:** Casey & Shawn Englund-Helmeke

**Fellowship:** Andi Kuenning & Dan Leisen

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**Nov 25:**

**Attendance: 78**

**Offering – Local Budget: \$394**

**Designated Offering: \$500**

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**Thanksgivings:**

**Concerns:**

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**HWB:** Hymnal Worship Book    **STJ:** Sing the Journey    **Hesla:** River of Gladness

*\*Please stand if you are able*

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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.*



**Pastor: Ry Siggelkow**  
**Deacons: Dan Leisen, Heather Wengerd,**  
**Shawn Englund-Helmeke, Donna Stucky,**  
**Hermann Weinlick, Kristin Green**

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***FMC office hours: Dec 3-7***

**Ry:** Available by appointment Tues - Thurs

**Office Staff: Aimee Weigle:** Tu-Th 9:30-12:30, Friday afternoon

**Email bulletin items by Wed afternoon.** Bulletin printed Thurs morning.

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**Prayer Request from Central Plains Mennonite Conference:** Pray for pastors who are serving congregations in times of transition: Gordon Scoville (Bellwood); Jack Scandrett (Hutterthal); Gene Miller (Christ Community); David Huesinkveld (West Union); Scott Roser (Zion). Pray for wisdom to lead congregations to clear vision for the next season of ministry and mission in their communities.

**Would you like someone to pray with you or discuss a matter of concern?** Look for persons with the purple “deacon” ribbon or the green “prayer” ribbon on their name tag. They are glad to meet with you.

**Church Meetings and Events** (online calendar: [www.faithmennonite.org](http://www.faithmennonite.org))

**Dec 4** – Sunday Text Discussion, 8:30 a.m., Seward Co-op

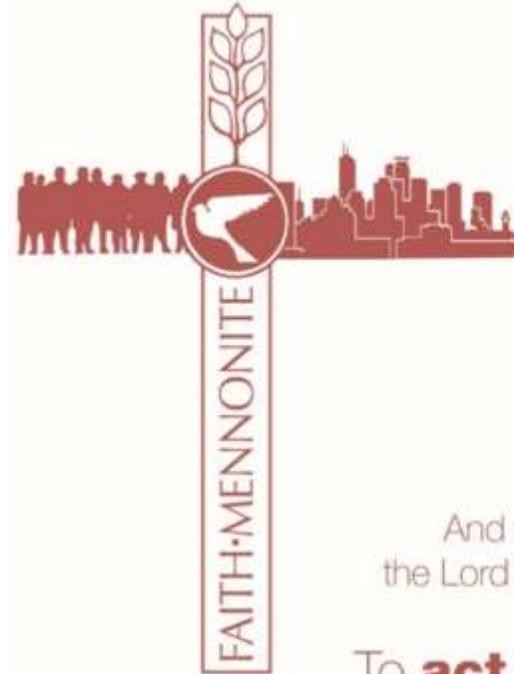
**Dec 8** – FMC Sewing Group, 9:30, FMC Library

**Dec 10** – Periodical subscription sign-ups due

**Dec 12** - Church Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Chapel

**Dec 16** – Eco-justice Committee Meeting, noon, FMC

**Dec 16** – FMC Christmas Program, 4 p.m.



And what does  
the Lord require of you?

To **act justly** and  
to **love mercy**  
and to **walk humbly**  
with your God.

Micah 6:8

**Come,  
walk with us.**

### **Habakkuk 1:1-7; 2:1-4; 3:3b-6, 17-19**

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. <sup>2</sup>O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? <sup>3</sup>Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. <sup>4</sup>So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous— therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

<sup>5</sup>Look at the nations, and see! Be astonished! Be astounded! For a work is being done in your days that you would not believe if you were told. <sup>6</sup>For I am rousing the Chaldeans, that fierce and impetuous nation, who march through the breadth of the earth to seize dwellings not their own. <sup>7</sup>Dread and fearsome are they; their justice and dignity proceed from themselves.

I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. <sup>2</sup>Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. <sup>3</sup>For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. <sup>4</sup>Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

<sup>3</sup>His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise. <sup>4</sup>The brightness was like the sun; rays came forth from his hand, where his power lay hidden. <sup>5</sup>Before him went pestilence, and plague followed close behind. <sup>6</sup>He stopped and shook the earth; he looked and made the nations tremble. The eternal mountains were shattered; along his ancient pathways the everlasting hills sank low.

<sup>17</sup>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, <sup>18</sup>yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will exult in the God of my salvation. <sup>19</sup>God, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, and makes me tread upon the heights. To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments.

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.**

### **Habacuc 1:1-7; 2:1-4; 3:3b-6, 17-19**

Oráculo (Profecía) que tuvo en visión el profeta Habacuc. <sup>2</sup>¿Hasta cuándo, oh Señor, pediré ayuda, y no escucharás? Clamo a Ti: “¡Violencia!” Sin embargo Tú no salvas? <sup>3</sup>¿Por qué me haces ver la iniquidad, y me haces mirar la opresión? La destrucción y la violencia están delante de mí, hay rencilla y surge la discordia. <sup>4</sup>Por eso no se cumple la ley y nunca prevalece la justicia (el derecho). Porque el impío asedia al justo; por eso sale pervertida la justicia. <sup>5</sup>“¡Miren entre las naciones! ¡Observen! ¡Asómbrense, quédense atónitos! Porque haré una obra en sus días que ustedes no la creerían si alguien se *las* contara. <sup>6</sup>“Porque voy a levantar a los Caldeos (Babilonios), pueblo feroz e impetuoso, que marcha por la anchura de la tierra para apoderarse de moradas ajenas. <sup>7</sup>“Imponente y temible es; de él mismo proceden su justicia y su grandeza.

Estaré en mi puesto de guardia, y sobre la fortaleza me pondré; velaré para ver lo que El me dice, y qué he de responder cuando sea reprendido.

<sup>2</sup>Entonces el Señor me respondió: “Escribe la visión y grába la en tablas, para que corra el que la lea. <sup>3</sup>Porque es aún visión para el tiempo señalado; se apresura hacia el fin y no defraudará. Aunque tarde, espérala; porque ciertamente vendrá, no tardará. <sup>4</sup>Así es el orgulloso: en él, su alma no es recta, mas el justo por su fe vivirá.

<sup>3</sup>Su esplendor cubre los cielos, y de Su alabanza está llena la tierra.

<sup>4</sup>Su resplandor es como la luz; tiene rayos que salen de Su mano, y allí se oculta Su poder. <sup>5</sup>Delante de El va la pestilencia, y la plaga sigue Sus pasos. <sup>6</sup>Se detuvo, e hizo temblar la tierra, miró e hizo estremecerse a las naciones. Sí, se desmoronaron los montes perpetuos, se hundieron las colinas antiguas. Sus caminos son eternos.

<sup>17</sup> Aunque la higuera no eche brotes, ni haya fruto en las viñas; Aunque falte el producto del olivo, y los campos no produzcan alimento; aunque falten las ovejas del redil, y no haya vacas en los establos, <sup>18</sup> con todo yo me alegraré en el Señor, me regocijaré en el Dios de mi salvación. <sup>19</sup> El Señor Dios es mi fortaleza; el ha hecho mis pies como los de las ciervas, y por las alturas me hace caminar. Para el director del coro, con mis instrumentos de cuerda.

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