

## FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

Nov. 20, 2016

**\*Gathering Song:** “New earth, heavens new” #299 HWB  
“Sing to the Lord of harvest” #98 HWB

### **\*Welcome and Call to Worship:**

Leader: The world belongs to God,

**People: The earth and all its people.**

L: How good it is, how wonderful,

**P: to live together in unity.**

L: Love and faith come together,

**P: justice and peace join hands.**

L: If Christ’s disciples keep silent

**P: these stones would shout aloud.**

L: Open our lips, O God,

**All: and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

From *Iona Abbey Worship Book*, Wild Goose Publications, 2001.

**\*Hymn:** “Here in this place” #6 HWB

**Children’s Gathering Song:** “Come and see” #20 HWB

**Children’s Time:** Pat Eliason

**Song:** “Listen, God is calling” #42 STJ

**Scripture reading:** Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23, 27-28; 31:31-34

**Sermon:** “New hearts for a new covenant”

**Hymn:** “Lord, let my heart be good soil” (insert)

**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**

#### **Announcements**

**\*Sung benediction:** “The Lord lift you up” #73 STJ

**\*Sharing the sign of peace / Postlude**

*HWB: Hymnal Worship Book*

*\*Please stand if you are able*

*STJ: Sing the Journey*

### Community Time

**10:40** Fellowship time

**11:00** Christian Education classes for all ages. Two adult classes welcome guests:

- *Set Free: A Journey Toward Solidarity Against Racism - fellowship hall*

- *From Violence to Wholeness – front of sanctuary*

**Note:** Today concludes these two classes. There will be no adult classes next Sunday. An all-church study of the *Kairos Document* about Israel Palestine will begin on December 4.

**Noon:** Please join us in the fellowship hall for our Annual Pie Social!

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**TODAY:** God promises a new covenant

**Worship leader:** Leslie Minkler

**Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Song leader:** Adam Nafziger

**Piano:** Karen Zeug

**Ushers:** Rhonda Martin, Travis Lusk **Readers:** Noelle & Shelly Hendricks

**Nursery:** Miriam Augsburg, Melissa Hochstetler

**NEXT SUNDAY:** First Sunday of Advent:

**Worship leader:** Bardo-Martinson Family

**Sermon:** Ry Siggelkow

**Song leader:** Karen Wiebe

**Piano:** David Mayou

**Nursery:** Andy Martinson, Arlene Geissing

**Ushers:** Glenn Geissing, Stew Thornley

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**Nov 13:**

**Attendance:** 97

**Offering:** \$3,831

Amount needed each Sunday to meet annual budget: \$5,673

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### **Thanksgivings:**

### **Concerns:**

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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.*

**Co-Pastors: Joetta Schlabach & Ry Siggelkow**  
**Deacons: Kristin Green, Glenn Geissinger**  
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*FMC office hours: November 21-25*

**Ry:** Out of Office **Joetta:** Tues, Wed 9-3

**Office Staff: Aimee Weigle:** Mon – Fri 9:30-12:30

Office closed on Thursday, due to holiday.

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

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**Prayer Concerns continued:**

**Prayer Request from Central Plains Mennonite Conference:** Pray for the last Bible study webinar with Meghan Good, to be held tomorrow evening. Give thanks for this opportunity to learn more about reading and interpreting God's word.

**Come pray for our church and community!** Parent Resource Room, 9:10-9:25 a.m. each Sunday. Also, if you would like to have someone pray with you or discuss a matter of concern please 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))

**Nov 21** – December Newsletter items to G. Richardson, noon

**Nov 22** – **NO SUNDAY TEXT DISCUSSION**

**Nov 22** – Thanksgiving Service, 7 p.m., St. Francis Cabrini Church

**Nov 26** – **NO ASDIC TODAY** (circle will resume on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>)

**Dec 3-4** – Seward Art Crawl, FMC fellowship hall

**Dec 7** – Deacon Commission, 6:30 p.m., Kristin Green home

**Dec 4** – Pastor-Parish Relations Comm., 12:15 p.m., chapel

**Dec 18** – Christmas program and cookie social, 4:30 p.m., sanctuary

### **Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23, 27-28; 31:31-34**

In the fourth year of King Jehoiakim son of Josiah of Judah, this word came to Jeremiah from the Lord: Take a scroll and write on it all the words that I have spoken to you against Israel and Judah and all the nations, from the day I spoke to you, from the days of Josiah until today. It may be that when the house of Judah hears of all the disasters that I intend to do to them, all of them may turn from their evil ways, so that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin. Then Jeremiah called Baruch son of Neriah, and Baruch wrote on a scroll at Jeremiah's dictation all the words of the Lord that he had spoken to him. And Jeremiah ordered Baruch, saying, "I am prevented from entering the house of the Lord; so you go yourself, and on a fast day in the hearing of the people ... you shall read the words of the Lord from the scroll that you have written at my dictation. You shall read them also in the hearing of all the people of Judah who come up from their towns. It may be that their plea will come before the Lord, and that [they] will turn from their evil ways, for great is the anger and wrath that the Lord has pronounced against this people." And Baruch son of Neriah did all that the prophet Jeremiah ordered him about reading from the scroll the words of the Lord in the Lord's house.

Then the king sent Jehudi to get the scroll, and he took it from the chamber of Elishama the secretary; and Jehudi read it to the king and all the officials who stood beside the king. Now the king was sitting in his winter apartment ..., and there was a fire burning in the brazier before him. As Jehudi read three or four columns, the king would cut them off with a penknife and throw them into the fire in the brazier, until the entire scroll was consumed in the fire.

Now, after the king had burned the scroll ..., the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah: Take another scroll and write on it all the former words that were in the first scroll, which King Jehoiakim of Judah has burned.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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**

**The Fellowship Commission** calls your attention to a sign-up sheet in the church TODAY, for members who are able to extend invitations to guests for **Thanksgiving Day meals**, and for those who don't have plans and would like to share a meal with others. Further instructions are listed on the sign-up sheets. – *Shirley Leckie Reed and Mary Seitz Friesen*

**Tomorrow evening** will be the final of three webinars on Teaching the Bible, sponsored by Central Plains Mennonite Conference.

All are welcome to a **Thanksgiving service on Tuesday, Nov 22. "A Celebration of Gratitude in Two Acts"** will begin with a time of song, prayer, Bible readings and recitation from the Qur'an. This will be followed by shared food and conversation around tables as we explore the role of gratitude in our family and faith traditions. The Muslim Society of Woodbury is joining our neighborhood churches to plan and lead the evening. The service will be held at St. Francis Cabrini Church, 1500 Franklin Ave SE, Mpls., beginning at 7 p.m. If you have Muslim friends in your neighborhood, school or workplace, we hope you will extend an invitation for them to come to this shared event.

**Families with Sunday School-aged children:** Although there will not be Sunday School on November 27 (Thanksgiving weekend), the teachers who are present, assisted by Kristi Zabriskie who has volunteered to help plan the December 18 Christmas program, would like to rehearse for the program.

**From Joan Kreider:** End a perfect Seward Art Crawl day with a **Faith Mennonite carol sing for the whole family:** Saturday Dec. 3, 6:30 pm. Snacks and hot cider provided. This will also be a farewell to my wonderful home of 30 years and piano of 15 years.

**From Rudy Okerlund:** Those of you who sang in the **Advent choir** last year will remember the joyous time we had. We are doing it again with rehearsals during the Sunday school hour on December 11th and a rehearsal at 8:45 a.m. on the 18th, the day we sing. All are welcome! I purposely select music that is easily grasped by those with little experience. All you have to do is put up with an exuberant conductor! You can still sing with us if you can only make it to one of the rehearsals.