

# FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

Nov 6, 2016 ~ All Saints

**\*Gathering Songs:** “Come let us all unite to sing” #12 HWB  
“God loves all his many people” #397 HWB

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

Leader: Eternal Spirit of love, you are our home, our dwelling place at the heart of the universe.

**People: Your light endows everything with life: light of each grateful morning, light of the infinite starry night.**

L: We thank you for your light in the lives of those who lived and labored and loved among us. We bless their memory and their place in eternity.

**All: O God, our Breath, we are yours. Our help is in you. Our hope is in your promise. Your presence is a blessing forever.**

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**\*Hymn:** “For all the saints” #636 HWB (vv. 1, 4, 5, 8)

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

**Children’s Time:** “What are we afraid of?” ~ Hermann Weinlick

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

**Scripture reading:** Jonah 1:1-17; 3:1-10

**Sermon:** “Jonah: More than a big fish story”

**Communion:** *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. Please hold the elements until all are served. The bread is gluten free; the cup is grape juice. Children/youth may come to receive a grape and blessing. Please return to your seats by the side aisles. During this time, anyone who has lost a loved one in the past year may write their name on the memory cloth on the podium and light a candle in their memory.*

**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. (*continued*)

**HWB:** Hymnal Worship Book

**\*Please stand if you are able**

**STJ:** Sing the Journey

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever. AMEN

## **Offering and Offertory Announcements**

**\*Sending hymn:** “You walk along our shoreline” #99 STJ

**\*Benediction**

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

## 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* - Book Study led by Andrew Wright and Tyler Zabriskie- *fellowship hall*

- *From Violence to Wholeness*, Interactive class led by Kristin Green and Candace Lutt – *front of sanctuary*

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## **TODAY:** Jonah and God’s Mercy / Communion

**Worship leader:** Ry Siggelkow

**Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Song leader:** Miriam Augsburg

**Organ:** Jim Kuebelbeck

**Ushers:** Glenn Geissinger, Darrell Martin

**Fellowship:** Geissinger, Hoskins

**Nursery:** Karen Wiebe, Mark Kaufman

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## **NEXT SUNDAY:** God calls Isaiah (Isa 6:1-8)

**Worship & song leader:** Joetta Schlabach

**Sermon:** Ry Siggelkow

**Children’s time:** Joan Kreider

**Piano:** Karen Zeug

**Ushers:** Cori Skogerboe, Stew Thornley

**Fellowship:** Janzen, Thornley

**Nursery:** Andi Kuenning, Katie Cuffey

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**October 30:**

**Attendance: 73**

**Offering: \$2,780**

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 7-11*

**Ry:** Tues, Thurs 9-4 **Joetta:** Wed, Thurs 9-3

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

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

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#### **Prayer Requests (continued):**

**Prayer Request from Central Plains Mennonite Conference:** This past week was the birthday of Central Plains Office Manager Monica Clem. Give thanks to God for the gifts Monica offers to the church, and pray for God's abundant blessing in her life.

**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 9** – Church Council, 7 p.m., Chapel

**Nov 12** – ASDIC, 9 a.m., Chapel

**Nov 12** – FMC Sewing Group, 9:30 a.m., FMC Library

**Nov 12** – FMC Raking Party, 9:30 a.m., FMC grounds

**Nov 13** – Sunday School Teacher meeting, noon, FMC Library

**Nov 19** – Oct/Nov Birthday Brunch, 9:30 a.m., Schlabach home

**Nov 20** – FMC Pie Social, noon, FMC Fellowship Hall

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

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

### **Jonah 1:1-17, 3:1-10**

Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai, saying, “Go at once to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before me.” But Jonah set out to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid his fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD.

But the LORD hurled a great wind upon the sea, and such a mighty storm came upon the sea that the ship threatened to break up. Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried to his god. They threw the cargo that was in the ship into the sea, to lighten it for them. Jonah, meanwhile, had gone down into the hold of the ship and had lain down, and was fast asleep. The captain came and said to him, “What are you doing sound asleep? Get up, call on your god! Perhaps the god will spare us a thought so that we do not perish.” The sailors said to one another, “Come, let us cast lots, so that we may know on whose account this calamity has come upon us.” So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. Then they said to him, “Tell us why this calamity has come upon us. What is your occupation? Where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?” “I am a Hebrew,” he replied. “I worship the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.” Then the men were even more afraid, and said to him, “What is this that you have done!” For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them so.

Then they said to him, “What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?” For the sea was growing more and more tempestuous. He said to them, “Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you; for I know it is because of me that this great storm has come upon you.” Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring the ship back to land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more stormy against them. Then they cried out to the LORD, “Please, O LORD, we pray, do not let us perish on account of this man’s life. Do not make us guilty of innocent blood; for you, O LORD, have done as it pleased you.” So they picked Jonah up and threw him into the sea; and the sea ceased from its raging. Then the men feared the LORD even more, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows. But the LORD provided a large fish to swallow up Jonah; and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!”

And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered (*over*)

himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: “By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish.” When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

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.*

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### **Announcements**

**The FMC Sewing Group** will meet on **Saturday, Nov 12**, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Anyone who enjoys sewing, or would like to learn to sew is welcome to come. We sew items for Mennonite Central Committee, such as comforters and school kit bags.

**Birthday Brunch!** If you or a family member has a birthday in Oct. or Nov., Pastor Joetta invites you for brunch on **Nov. 19th at 9:30 a.m.** (This invitation is for whole families and significant others, not just the birthday person). Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the fellowship area.

**FYI – Danika will be out of town** next Sunday, Nov. 13th. Extra volunteer help in the nursery would be greatly appreciated, if need be.

**Ry will reschedule the Octavia Butler book conversation** out of respect for those who plan to celebrate the end of the election cycle on Nov. 8. Be on the lookout for a new date and time soon.

Please check the **FMC member directory** on our web site for address updates for Shirley Leckie Reed, and Orv and Cleta Gingerich.

**A French Meditation: Music by Maurice Duruflé & Yves Castagnet.** *Singers in Accord* choral ensemble performs with guest conductor Kathy Saltzman Romey and organist Tom Trenney for two performances. Friday, Nov. 11, and Saturday, Nov. 12, at 7:30 p.m. at Olaf Catholic Church, 215 S. 8th St., Mpls. **Talk to Glenn Geissinger**, (an SIA member) during Fellowship time today. Advance Tickets: Seniors and Groups 8+ = \$15 ea. General Admission = \$20 ea.