

# Mennonite Church of Normal

December 18, 2022

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

## Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome and Congregational Life

Prelude *All My Heart This Night Rejoices*

Call to Worship

## Singing Praise to God

Songs of Praise *What Child Is This* VT 267

*The First Noel, the Angel Did Say* VT 250

Special Music *Christmastime*

Candle Lighting Liturgy

## Hearing God's Word

Children's Time *Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord* VT 219

Scripture Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon "What's in a Name?"

## Receiving God's Grace

Response Song *The Work of Christmas*

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Song *In Christ Alone*

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

## Sent in the Spirit's Power

Sending Song *O Come, All Ye Faithful* VT 241

Sending Prayer

Postlude

## Assisting in Worship:

**Worship Leader:** Gail Fisher & Emari Stalter

**Sermon:** Kevin Chupp

**Prelude:** Adult Choir

**Scripture Reader:** Deb Stenger

**Song Leader:** Cindy Ropp

**Response Song:** Adult Choir

**Special Music:** Adult, Junior, & Youth Choirs

**Offertory Song:** Lexi Neely

**Candle Lighting:** Lotus & Judy Hershberger

**Pastoral Prayer:** Holly Zehr

**Children's Time:** Janet Wilson/Joe Culpepper

**Tech:** Ryan Miller & Adam Augspurgen

**Accompaniment & Postlude:** Elsa Raab

## This Week:

|                 |        |                                     |
|-----------------|--------|-------------------------------------|
| Sunday 12/18    | 6:00pm | Junior Choir                        |
|                 | 6:45pm | Youth Choir                         |
|                 | 7:30pm | Adult Advent Choir                  |
| Monday 12/19    |        | Office Closed                       |
| Tuesday 12/20   | 7:00pm | Interim Pastoral Team (Zoom)        |
|                 | 7:00pm | Mama Bears (Zoom)                   |
| Wednesday 12/21 | 9:30am | Wednesday Morning Book Group (Zoom) |
| Thursday 12/22  | 7:00am | Next Man Bible Study                |
| Saturday 12/24  | 7:00pm | Christmas Eve Service               |

## Our Vision:

*Mennonite Church of Normal is a nurturing, Christ-centered Anabaptist congregation that welcomes all people. As followers of Jesus, we aspire to transform our communities and world into places of peace, healing, and hope.*

## Our Welcome:

All people of any race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age, education, or ability who confess faith in Jesus Christ, are welcome to participate in the full life and ministry of the Mennonite Church of Normal. Furthermore, all people of any gender or sexual orientation who confess faith in Jesus Christ, may become members, be married, and are eligible for all volunteer, staff, and pastoral positions at MCN.

## After Worship Christian Education:

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| Pre-K – 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade           | Room 11         |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade | Room 12 & 9     |
| Junior High                             | Room 8          |
| High School                             | Room 7 & 5      |
| Journey Group A (20's-30's)             | First Office    |
| Journey Group B (40's-50's)             | Conference Room |
| Journey Group C (60's and above)        | Room 4          |

**Building Open Hours:** Closed Monday

Tuesday–Friday 9am-11am

And Tuesday–Wednesday & Friday 1:30pm-3pm

**Office Administrator:** Lydia Hedberg | church@normalmennonite.org  
309-452-6622

**Custodian** Rita Munkakusi

**Pastor for Outreach:**

Kevin Chupp | kevin@normalmennonite.org | 574-315-2579

**Interim Pastor for Discipling & Community Life Commissions:**

Lynette Miller | lynette.miller.k@gmail.com | 309-261-7485

**Interim Pastor for Pastoral Care:** Ron Ropp | 309-452-8534

**Interim Pastoral Team Leader & IPT for Vision Team & Administration:**

Lauren Satchwell | satchwell.lauren@gmail.com | 309-830-6827

**Interim Pastor for Worship Commission & Spiritual Gift Discernment:**

Holly Zehr | hmzehr@hotmail.com | 309-846-0860