

Mennonite Church of Normal

November 19, 2023
Thanksgiving Sunday

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome and Congregational Life
Prelude
Call to Worship

Singing Praise to God

Song of Praise *Come, Ye Thankful People* VT* 123
Shout to the Lord VT 125

Gathering Prayer

Hearing God's Word

Children's Time *God Welcomes All* VT 32
Scripture Isaiah 5:1-7; 11:1-5
Sermon *The Pessimistic Optimist*

Receiving God's Grace

Response Song *God of Grace and God of Glory* VT 716
Confession and Assurance
Honoring God with our Gifts
Offertory Song *God of the Fertile Fields* VT 750
Sharing Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer

Sent in the Spirit's Power

Farewell Blessing for Becky Josefson
Sending Song *Come, Thou Fount* VT 563
Sending Prayer
Postlude

**Voices Together Hymnal*

Assisting in Worship:

Worship Leader: Joe Culpepper
Prelude, Postlude, & Accompaniment: Dorothy Loepf
Song Leader: Cindy Ropp
Children's Time: Shannon Neely
Scripture Reader: Sheila Kuria
Sermon: Lauren Satchwell
Pastoral Prayer: Kevin Chupp
Tech: Glenn Wilson & Ryan Miller

This Week:

Sunday 11/19	3:00pm	Cantus Novus Choir Concert
	6:00pm	Junior Choir
	7:00pm	Advent Choir
Tuesday 11/21	All Day	Office Closed
	3:00pm	Pastoral Team (Zoom)
Wednesday 11/22	All Day	Office Closed
	9:30am	Wednesday Morning Book Group
Thursday 11/23	All Day	Office Closed
Friday 11/24	All Day	Office Closed
Sunday 11/26	6:00pm	Junior Choir
	7:00pm	Advent Choir

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 – K Grades	Room 11
2 nd – 4 th Grades	Room 12 & 19
5 th – 8 th Grades	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: Monday, Wednesday–Friday 9am-11am
& Monday–Friday 1:30pm-3pm

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