

Mennonite Church of Normal

December 10, 2023

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome and Congregational Life

Prelude

Call to Worship

Singing Praise to God

Song of Praise *Holy Spirit, Come with Power* VT* 57

Choir Anthem *What Did the Star See?* Advent Choir

Prayer

Choir Anthem *What Did the Star See?* Junior Choir

Hearing God's Word

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

Child Dedication Finn Roeschley & Molly Roeschley

Scripture Isaiah 40:1-11

Sermon *Screed or Creed?*

Receiving God's Grace

Response Hymn *God of Grace and God of Glory* VT 716

Stewardship Affirmation

Choir Anthem *Christmas Sanctus* Advent Choir

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Sent in the Spirit's Power

Sending Song *Go, My Friends, in Grace* VT 810

Benediction

Postlude

**Voices Together Hymnal*

Assisting in Worship:

Worship Leader: Ben Roeschley **Scripture Reader:** JB Ponnou-Delaffon

Song Leader: Barry Weaver **Sermon:** Kevin Chupp

Children's Time: Annette Harnish **Pastoral Prayer:** Lynette Miller

Child Dedication: Kevin Chupp **Tech:** Jaron Zehr & Glenn Wilson

Prelude, Postlude, & Accompaniment: Elsa Raab

Visuals: Vivian Hubbard, Nancy Fisher, Lynn Reha, Rita Munkakusi Ngongo, Steve Stenger, and Gerry Schrock (quilted wall hanging)

This Week:

Sunday 12/10	6:00pm	Junior Choir
	7:00pm	Advent Choir
Monday 12/11	7:00pm	Fellowship Committee
Tuesday 12/12	3:00pm	Pastoral Team (Zoom)
Wednesday 12/13	9:30am	Wednesday Morning Book Group
	7:30pm	Spiritual Gifts Discernment Team (Zoom)
Thursday 12/14	7:00am	Next Man Bible Study
	9:00am	Brave and Beloved: Women's Bible Study
	5:30pm	Community Life Commission (Zoom)
Saturday 12/16	3:00pm	Christmas Ensemble Rehearsal
Sunday 12/17	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)	Conference Room
Journey Group B (40's-50's)	First Office
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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