

# Mennonite Church of Normal

December 17, 2023

## Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome and Congregational Life

Prelude

Call to Worship

## Singing Praise to God

Song of Praise *Prepare the Way! the Prophet Called* VT\* 220

Choir Anthem *Emmanuel Will Come* Junior Choir

Gathering Prayer

## Hearing God's Word

Children's Time/Lighting Advent Candle

*Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord* VT 219

Scripture Ezra 1:1-4; 3:1-4, 10-13

Sermon *Lazuli Blues*

## Receiving God's Grace

Response Hymn *We Come* VT 225

Stewardship Affirmation/Prayer

Choir Anthem *Adore Him/O Come All Ye Faithful* Advent Choir  
*Christmas Joy!*

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

## Sent in the Spirit's Power

Sending Song *Now the Heavens Start to Whisper* VT 237

Benediction

Postlude

*\*Voices Together Hymnal*

## Assisting in Worship:

**Worship Leader:** Wayne Hochstetler

**Sermon:** Kevin Chupp

**Song Leader:** Cindy Ropp

**Pastoral Prayer:** Kevin Chupp

**Children's Time:** Shannon Unzicker

**Tech:** Caleb Augspurger & Clara

**Accompaniment:** Dorothy Loepf

**Prelude:** Advent Ensemble

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

## This Week:

Tuesday 12/19 2:30pm Administration Commission (Zoom)

3:00pm Pastoral Team (Zoom)

Wednesday 12/20 9:30am Wednesday Morning Book Group

Thursday 12/21 7:00am Next Man Bible Study

9:00am Brave and Beloved: Women's Bible Study

12/25 – 1/1 Office Closed

## 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<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Grades Room 12 & 19

5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> 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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