

Mennonite Church of Normal

9:30 am on December 24, 2023

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome and Congregational Life

Prelude

Call to Worship

Singing Praise to God

Song of Praise *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* VT* 247
O Come, All Ye Faithful VT 241

Gathering Prayer

Hearing God's Word

Children's Time *Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord* VT 219
Scripture Luke 1:5-13, 57-80
Sermon *Fertile Silence*

Receiving God's Grace

Response Hymn *Bless'd Be the God of Israel* VT 223
Honoring God with our Gifts
Offertory Song *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* VT 243
Sharing Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer

Sent in the Spirit's Power

Sending Song *Angels We Have Heard on High* VT 249
A Christmas Carol
Sending Prayer
Postlude

**Voices Together Hymnal*

Assisting in Worship:

Worship Leader: Joe Culpepper **Sermon:** Jessica Hall

Song Leader: Barry Weaver **Pastoral Prayer:** Ron Ropp

Children's Time: Darrel Miller **Tech:** Caleb Augspurger & Clara

Scripture Reading: Marianne Israel & Maggie

Accompaniment, Prelude, & Postlude: Elsa Raab

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

12/25 – 1/1

This Week:

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 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)	Room 4
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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