



# Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of  
Mennonite Church USA

**November 30, 2025**

*Offering Christ's peace to hearts, homes, community and world*

# Order of Worship

## Gather

Welcome and Congregational Life

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymn                      *Here I Am to Worship*                      VT\* 227

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Hymn                      *Lead Me, Guide Me*                      VT 601

Gathering Prayer

## Listen

Children's Time              *Draw the Circle*                      VT 802

Scripture                      Daniel 3:1-30

Sermon                      *If It Plays in Peoria*

## Respond

Hymn of Response              *Called or Not Called, God Is There*                      VT 422

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Adult Choir

Hymn                      *More Than You Know*                      VT 598

Stewardship Affirmation

## Sent

Sending Song                      *Hope Is a Candle*                      VT 211

Benediction

Dismissal Song                      *Called or Not Called, God Is There, verse 1*                      VT 422

*\*Voices Together Hymnal*

## Assisting in Worship:

**Worship Leader & Planner:** Shannon

**Accompaniment & Prelude:** Bill

**Song Leader:** Cindy

**Children's Time:** Kevin Chupp

**Sermon:** Kevin Chupp

**Pastoral Prayer:** Lauren Satchwell

**Tech:** Adam & Rick

### In Memoriam:

**Joyce Thompson**, long-time MRC resident: March 9, 1927 – October 13, 2025

**Roberta Bortell**, wife of Jim Bortell: April 26, 1947 – October 12, 2025

**Doris Shoemaker**, member of MCN: April 13, 1926 – September 13, 2025

**Evelyn Benner**, mom of Steve Benner: January 30, 1944 – July 24, 2025

### Announcements from the Midweek:

- **Vision Team Member:** Following nomination from the congregation, SGDT has called Joe to serve on the Vision Team. Joe has accepted this call. SGDT is pleased to announce that the Vision Team for 2026 is all set: Ben steps into the Chair role, Helen continues her term, and Amy and Joe begin their terms.
- **CLC Members:** The Spiritual Gifts Discernment Team, in consultation with the chair of the Community Life Commission, has called Connie and Jill to serve on the Community Life Commission. Please send any feedback to Janet by December 5. Thank you!
- **Cookie Baking:** On December 7th, MYF and JMYF-ers (6th through 12th grades) are invited to stay after church for devotions (during the SS hour), cookie baking, and lunch.
- **Cookies and Caroling:** You're invited to participate in a cookie decorating and Christmas caroling event on December 12t. We'll gather at MCN to decorate and package cookies that have been pre-baked for us by MYF / JMYF and then disperse to carol at MRC, the surrounding neighborhood, and Westminster Village. Afterward, we'll gather back at the church for hot drinks, cookies, and conversation. Please RSVP using the link in the Midweek. We look forward to singing, snipping, and snacking with you!
- **Meal Train:**
- **Multifaith Thanksgiving:** We were happy to be a part of the 4th annual Multifaith Thanksgiving at the YMCA in Bloomington. Pastor Kevin shared a reflection on *gelassenheit* as a means to nurture gratitude (you can read it in the Midweek). An offering was taken of \$836 to support the YMCA Strong Kinds program, and pie was eaten to share fellowship across faiths. One thing to be thankful for is that MCN is a part of such a rich community!
- **Periodical Renewals:** Each year the church organizes group subscriptions to three Mennonite publications: *Rejoice!* (a quarterly devotional) by Menno Media for \$38, *The Upper Room Daily Devotional* (delivered quarterly) for \$9.29, and *Anabaptist World* (12 issues) for \$49. This gives everyone the opportunity to subscribe to these publications with a discounted rate through the church office. If you would like to renew, begin, or end a subscription to one or more of these publications, please contact the church office at 309-452-6622 or church@normalmennonite.org before Monday, December 8th.

### **This Week:**

Sunday 11/30	6:00 pm	Junior Choir
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir
Tuesday 12/2	3:00 pm	Pastoral Team (Zoom)
Wednesday 12/3	9:30 am	Wednesday Morning Book Group
	1:00 pm	HSBM Quilt Project
Thursday 12/4	7:00 am	Next Man Bible Study
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
Sunday 12/7	11:00 am	Youth Cookies & Lunch
	6:00 pm	Junior Choir
	7:00 pm	Adult 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, immigration status, 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> Grades	Room 9/12
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grades	Room 11
Junior High	Conference Room
High School	Room 8
Adults	Room 5/7

**Building Open Hours:** Monday – Friday 9am-11am & 1:30pm-3pm

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

**Custodian:** Rita Munkakusi

**Community Life Commission, Outreach Commission, Spiritual Gifts**

**Discernment Team, & Worship Commission Pastor:**

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

*Pastor Kevin designated office hours:* Wednesdays, 8am-12pm (or call to plan a visit)

**Pastoral Team Leader and Administration Commission, Discipling Commission, and Vision Team Pastor:**

Lauren Satchwell | lauren@normalmennonite.org | 309-830-6827