



# Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of  
Mennonite Church USA

**December 21, 2025**

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

# Order of Worship

## Gather

Welcome and Congregational Life

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymn	<i>Love Has Come</i>	VT* 258
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Lighting of the Advent Candle

Hymn	<i>Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming</i>	VT 216
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Gathering Prayer

## Listen

Children's Time	<i>Away in a Manger, vs. 1 &amp; 2</i>	VT 257
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Scripture	John 1:1–5, 10, 14
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Sermon	<i>Revisionary Cosmology</i>
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## Respond

Hymn	<i>Angels, from the Realms of Glory</i>	VT 265
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Adult Choir	<i>All Praise to Thee</i>
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Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Stewardship Affirmation

## Sent

Sending Song	<i>He Came Down</i>	VT 239
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Benediction

Final Response	<i>He Came Down, vs. 1</i>	VT 239
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*\*Voices Together Hymnal*

## Assisting in Worship:

**Worship Leader, Planner, & Scripture Reader:** Janet Wilson

**Accompaniment & Prelude:** Bill West

**Song Leader:** Barry Weaver

**Instrumentalist:** Glenn Wilson

**Children's Time:** Lauren Satchwell

**Sermon:** Kevin Chupp

**Adult Choir Director:** Cindy Ropp

**Pastoral Prayer:** Kevin Chupp

**Tech:** Wyatt Fisher

### **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:**

- **Cookie Reception:** Fellowship Committee is asking for those attending the Christmas Eve Service on Wednesday 12/24 at 6:30 pm to please consider bringing a plate of cookies to share after the service. There will be a few tables in the back to place your cookies before the service, and then everyone can enjoy a small bite afterwards.
- **Building & Office Closed:** The church building and office will be closed from noon on Wednesday, December 24 through Thursday, January 1. There will be no Midweek on December 31st. Thank you for your understanding!
- **Six-Week Everence Webinar Series:** Cultivating Generous Congregations: The Administration is excited to have signed up for the Everence series *Cultivating Generous Congregations* which maps the new landscape of religious giving and stewardship and will provide our congregation with tools to help build a culture of generosity unique to MCN's needs and challenges. The series will be six weeks starting in February.

### **This Week:**

Sunday 12/21	7:00 pm	Adult Choir
Tuesday 12/23	3:00 pm	Pastoral Team (Zoom)
Wednesday 12/24	Noon	Church Building & Office Closed
	6:30 pm	Christmas Eve Service
Thursday 12/25	All Day	Church Building & Office Closed
Friday 12/26	All Day	Church Building & Office Closed
Sunday 12/28	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

*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