



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 *Love Has Come*

VT* 258

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Hymn *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

VT 216

Gathering Prayer

Listen

Children's Time *Away in a Manger*, vs. 1 & 2

VT 257

Scripture John 1:1–5, 10, 14

Sermon *Revisionary Cosmology*

Respond

Hymn *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

VT 265

Adult Choir *All Praise to Thee*

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Stewardship Affirmation

Sent

Sending Song *He Came Down*

VT 239

Benediction

Final Response *He Came Down*, vs. 1

VT 239

**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 st Grades	Room 9/12
2 nd – 5 th 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