FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
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Ministers: All Members of the Congregation
Pastors: Karen Martens Zimmerly, Terry Zimmerly
Pastor of Christian Formation: Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler
Office Hours: Karen (T – TH, 9-Noon), Terry (T, W, F – 9-Noon), Karla (T & TH – 9-3)

Music for Reflection/Communion	Matthew Yoder, Drew Willems, Isaac Hooley
Worship Leader	Karen Martens Zimmerly
Song Leader	Rhonda Miller
Scripture Reader	Lonnie Bartel
Proclaimer	Terry Zimmerly
Communion servers	Mike Brenneman, Allison Goertz, Matt Healy, Emily Hooley, Colette Hostetler, Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler, Karen Martens Zimmerly, Terry Zimmerly
Ushers	Ruth Brenneman & Galen Graber Mia Graber, Claire Widmer
Toddler Care*	Barb Freyenberger, Renee Eigsti
Greeters	Melinda & Lee Turnbull Doris & Lloyd Bewley
Sound	Reuben Ng
Librarian	Ann Valenta
Visuals	Cindi & Roger Schrock, Elaine Yoder
Bulletin cover	V. Wieringa, artist

Pastoral concerns may be shared with the pastors or one of the Elders:
Mark Gingerich, Nancy Halder, Kevin Kummer,
Cheryl Martin Miller, Marilyn Rose, Roger Schrock

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 10:45 AM

Children & Youth (children's classes meet in the lower level)

2 year olds	rm 109/111	Primary (1st-2nd gr.)	rm 114
3-4 yr olds	rm 113	Middler (3rd-5th gr)	rm 116
Pre-K and K	rm 115	Gathering & Music	rm 117
6th, 7th, and 8th grades	Upper level, room 213		
MYF (grades 9-12)	Upstairs behind balcony		

Adult Class	**Meeting Place**	**Current Topic**
Young Adults	Upper level, rm. 216	*MC USA Pathways*
Open Circle	lower level, rm. 107	Open discussion
Koinonia	Upper level, rm. 216	*MC USA Pathways*
Sinape	Upper level, rm. 216	*MC USA Pathways*
Remnant	Upper level, rm. 216	*MC USA Pathways*
Ichthus	Upper level, rm. 215	Putting Things in Order
Bruderschaft	Upper level, rm. 211	Genesis: God's World & God's People

***** Children of all ages are welcome in our worship service! A nursery is available behind the sanctuary for you to care for your infant as needs arise throughout the service. Supervised childcare is available for children who can sit up through age 3. Please ask an usher to direct you.

Awakening to God's Goodness

GOD GATHERS US

Music for Reflection and Praise

Welcome (please pass the friendship books)

Call to Worship

The Advent call is here: Wake up!

We look for your goodness breaking into our world.

With wonder and mystery and surprise you keep calling us.

Even in the darkness, you invite us to be still and know that you are with us.

We turn to you, O God, in a world of many sounds and signs.

Fill us with faith and hope.

Come, Lord Jesus, come!

Hymns: #172 HWB (blue) O come, O come, Immanuel (1,3-4)
Lighting of the Advent Candle
#114 HWB (blue) In Thee is gladness
(children are invited to come forward during second hymn)

Parent and Child dedication
Paul Hayward Andersen, son of Erin & Allan
Jay Henry Goertz, son of Allison & Isaiah
Everett James Showalter, son of Sarah & Chad
Asa Rodney Willems, son of Heidi & Drew

Congregational response: #791 HWB (blue)

Hymn: #34 STJ (green) Loving Spirit (v 1-3, 5)

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Scripture reading: Luke 21:25-36

Message: *Disturbing the Heavens*

Reflective response

Hymn: #37 STS (purple) Firstborn of Mary

Celebrating Communion and **Offering Our Gifts**
The bread is gluten, nut, and soy free.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

GOD GOES WITH US

Hymn: #216 HWB (blue) Christ, whose glory fills the skies

Blessing

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- We give thanks for the gift of baby Oliver Barahona Portillo, and pray for wisdom, grace, and love to abound to his parents, Jackeline and Adonis, and to grandparents Miguel and Maria Portillo.
- On this anniversary weekend, we pray for those who are remembering the life and grieving the death of Teresa Cardenas.
- We give thanks for Shelter House and the good news they provide through housing and other resources for vulnerable individuals and families in Iowa City.
- We give thanks and pray for our brothers and sisters of the Jewish faith who at sundown this evening will begin to celebrate Hanukkah, festival of lights.
- Pray that we may see God disturbing the heavens as a sign of hope, even as we tremble with fear as the newness bursts forth.