

Next Sunday at First Mennonite (Advent 2: December 4)

**Psalm readers/advent candles** – Matt Yoder & Donna Nelson Evans  
**Worship leader** – Laura Brenneman  
**Song leader** – Matt Yoder  
**Piano** – Jan Kellogg  
**Children's story** – Phil Martens  
**Sermon, sharing & prayer** – Pastor Michael

**Greeters** – Lesley Deem, Emily Gibson, George Ordal  
**Sound system** – Phil Martens  
**Refreshments** – John & Mary Hines  
**Worship nursery** – Amber Anderson & Pam Peña Martin  
**Stewards** – Scott Bidner & Tammie Bouseman

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November 27, 2016

First Mennonite Church of Champaign Urbana

# Celebration *of* Worship

Advent 1  
November 27, 2016

*God's peace is at hand. Come, imagine the Way!*

## Pre-service singing

### Centering chimes

**Lighting of solidarity lamp** - *The lamp symbolizes our Sister Church relationship with El Divino Redentor.*

**Psalm reading** (*based on Psalm 122*)

### Lighting of Advent candles

### Prelude

**Sung call to worship**

"Come, come Emmanuel" (purple songbook #7)

### Welcome & prayer

\*Hymnal #178

"Come, thou long expected Jesus"

\*Purple songbook #1

"Praise the One who breaks the darkness"

## Prayer of Confession

One: In our frenzied world,  
with our words,  
with our actions

**Many: We beat plowshares into swords,  
and pruning hooks into spears.**

One: Lord, we need you

**Many: to help us to imagine, and then to change  
our attitudes of discord into garden tools.**

(Silent confession)

## Words of Assurance

One: God, your peace is the way to security.

**Many: You guide us away from darkness  
and lead us to walk in the light.**

One: For the Lord says,

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my way, As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." (Isaiah 55: 7-9)

\*Hymnal #346

"Dona Nobis Pacem" (unison)

**Children's story and offering** (*please pass the welcome pads*)

### Scripture

**Romans 13:11-14** (*page 506*)

**Isaiah 2:1-5** (*page 1036*)

### Sermon

*Endless imaginings*

\*Purple songbook #10

"Come! Walk in the light"

**Offering** (*prayer cards collected*)

### Offertory

**Prayer of thanksgiving**

**Sharing and prayers of the people**

## Introductions of guests

**Work of the church** (*please come to the front if you have an announcement*)

\*Purple songbook #3

"Come, Light of the world" (verse 1)

## \*Benediction

The Christ-child is coming.

Draw close to His hope.

Come, let us imagine the Way.

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*\*Stand if you are able*

Thanks *to* our worship *and* welcome teams...

**Psalm reading/advent candle** – Sue Biddle,  
Anthony Schreiber, Ally Welty Peachey

**Worship leader** – Sue Biddle

**Song leader** – Rudy Litwiller

**Piano** – Andrea Welty Peachey

**Children's story** – Marcia Nelson

**Scripture reader** – Cindy Breeze

**Offertory** – Anna Lubienski & Pastor Deb

**Sermon, sharing & prayer** – Pastor Michael

**Greeters** – Clark Breeze, Sheree Flannigan, Bev Hertle

**Sound system** – Laurence Koehn

**Refreshments** – Peter & Sheryl Dyck

**Worship nursery** – Karla Woodson & Jill Schreiber

**Stewards** – Phil Martens & Ken Moyer