

Next Sunday at First Mennonite (Advent 3: December 11)

**Psalm readers/advent candles** – Amber Anderson & Steve Rayburn

**Worship leader** – Peter Dyck

**Music** – Worship Band

**Children's story** – Cindy Breeze

**Scripture reader** – Steve Rayburn

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

**Greeters** – Sam Cox, Lesley Deem, George Ordal

**Sound system** – Phil Martens

**Refreshments** – Trish Combs & Kate Falk

**Worship nursery** – Mary Biddle & Tina Huang

**Stewards** – Scott Bidner & Tammie Bouseman

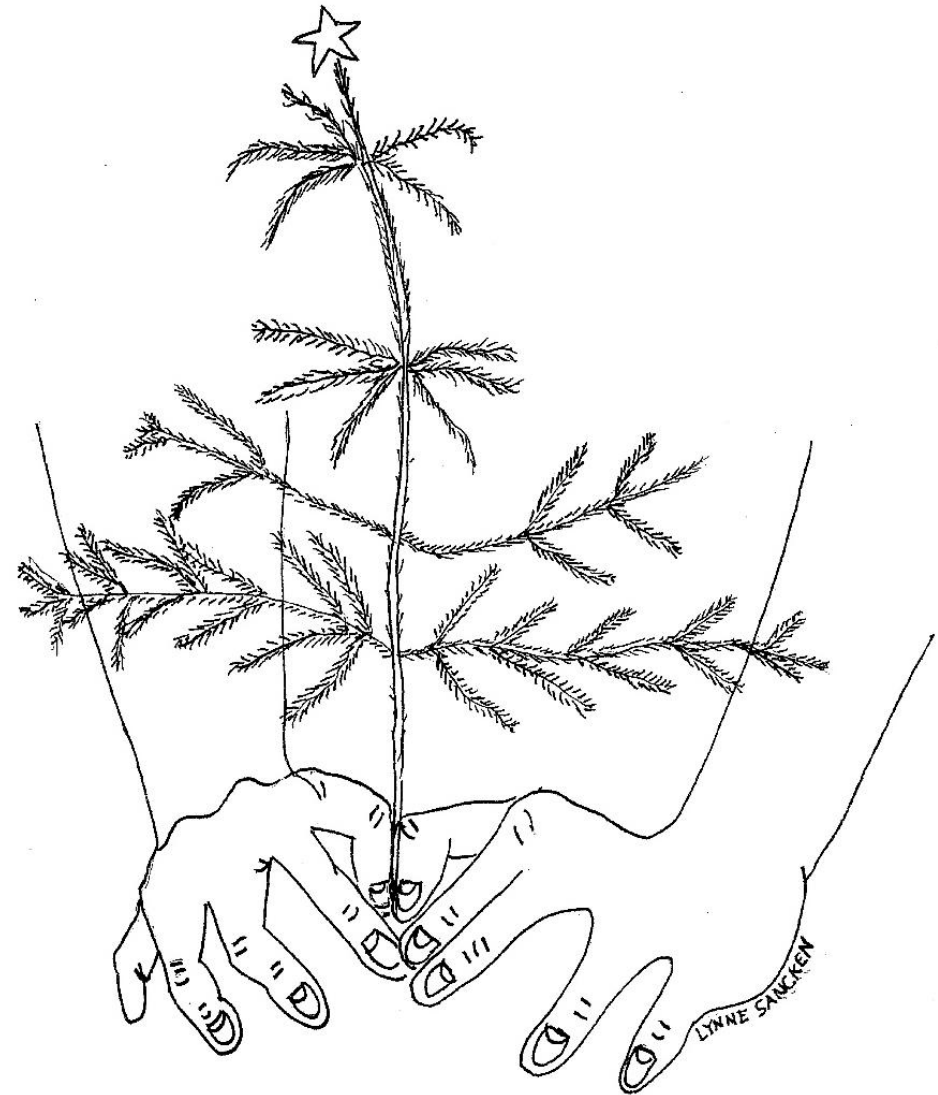
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December 4, 2016

First Mennonite Church of Champaign Urbana

# Celebration *of* Worship



Advent 2  
December 4, 2016

*God's harmony is at hand. Come, prepare the Way!*

## Pre-service Advent singing

### Centering chimes

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

**Psalm reading** (based on Psalm 72:1-7, 8-19)

### Lighting of Advent candles

#### Prelude

#### Sung call to worship

"Comfort, comfort, O my people" (hymnal #176)

#### Welcome & prayer

#### \*Hymnal #183

"On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry"

#### \*Purple songbook #14

"Prepare the way of the Lord"

## Prayer of Confession

One: We confess to enjoying having our own way.

**Many: We respond slowly to injustice,  
with inaction to the needs of Your people.**

One: We watch as the lion devours the lamb.

We refuse to follow where the little child leads.

**Many: Save us, Lord, from stubbornness and complacency.**

(Silent confession)

## Words of Assurance

One: Lord God, you rain down abundance upon us.

**Many: You provide roots, so that we may blossom in the love  
you have for all people.**

One: You baptize us with compassion

**Many: and bless us with your peace.**

One: For the Lord says, "Having been justified by faith, we have peace with  
God through our Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 5:1)

#### \*Hymnal #346

"Dona Nobis Pacem" (2 part round)

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

### Scripture

**Isaiah 11:1-10** (page 627)

**Matthew 3:1-12** (page 880)

### Sermon

*Building a fire*

### Men's ensemble

"In the bleak midwinter"

**Offering** (prayer cards collected)

### Offertory

### Prayer of thanksgiving

**Word of Witness:** Rob Garite, Alumnus of the Education Justice Project

### Sharing and prayers of the people

## Introductions of guests

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

#### \*Hymnal #174

"Bless'd be the God of Israel"

#### \*Benediction

The Christ-child is coming.

Draw close to His peace and harmony.

Come, let us prepare the Way.

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*\*Stand if you are able*

*Thanks to Lynne Sancken for writing the prayers of confession, words of assurance,  
and the benedictions used in our Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany services.*

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

### Psalm reading/advent candle –

Matt Yoder & Donna Nelson Evans

**Worship leader** – Laura Brenneman

**Song leader** – Matt Yoder

**Piano** – Jan Kellogg

**Children's story** – Phil Martens

**Scripture reader** – Donna Nelson Evans

**Offertory** – Lesley Deem, Native American flutes

**Response hymn** – Men's ensemble

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

**Visuals** – Lynne Sancken

**Greeters** – Lesley Deem, Emily Gibson, George Ordal

**Sound system** – Phil Martens

**Refreshments** – John & Mary Hines

**Worship nursery** – Amber Anderson & Pam Peña Martin

**Stewards** – Tammie Bouseman & Scott Bidner