

First Mennonite Church

November 16, 2008

Welcome!

The purpose of **F**irst **M**ennonite **C**hurch is to:

FOLLOW JESUS

MATURE IN FAITH

CARRY THE GOOD NEWS

Sunday School, Worship, and all our church activities equip and strengthen us to fulfill that purpose.

We invite members, friends, and visitors to join us on the journey!

9:15-9:40 – Snacks & conversation in Fellowship Hall

9:40-10:20 – *Sunday School*

PreK-5 th Grade	Room 30
Junior High	Room 11
High School	Room 13
Mosaic	Room 22
Gather 'Round	Fellowship Hall

10:30 – *Worship*

[A nursery is available in Room 10 downstairs for your use.]

Prelude

Florence Schloneger

Invitation to Worship from Psalm 95:1-7

L: Come, let us joyfully praise our God, acclaiming the Rock of our salvation.

P: Come before him with thanksgiving, and greet him with melody.

ALL: Our God is a great God: a king above all other gods!

L: The depths of the earth are in his hands:

P: the mountain peaks belong to him.

L: The sea is his—he made it!

P: his hands have fashioned all the earth.

L: Come, bow down to worship him.

P: Kneel before the Lord who made us.

ALL: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

L: Let us trust in him today. Listen to God's voice.

ALL: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.

*Hymn #68 "O come, loud anthems let us sing"

Prayer of Confession

L: Abundant Creator, we confess our strong urge to play it safe with the gifts you give us.

P: We want to trust in your ways, O God.

L: We feel we don't have enough time for everything, so we push aside the things we most want to do and neglect the tasks that are most important.

P: We want to trust in your ways, O God.

L: As the church, we hold tightly to the gifts you give us, afraid we will lose them.

P: We want to trust in your ways, O God.

L: We remain silent and cautious, even when we witness wrong-doing or injustice.

P: We want to trust in your ways, O God.

Words of Pardon (unison)

**God wants only good things for all God's children.
Wherever we are and whoever we are, God is with us. God
has destined us to be free and generous. Let us live in
God's forgiveness and power.**

Sunday Singers

"Come to Me",
"Here to the house of God we Come"

Scripture – Matthew 25:14-30

Message: *The Whistle-blower*

*Hymn #367 "For the healing of the nations"

Offering – Church General Fund

Sharing Joys and Concerns
Prayer

*Hymn #430 "God be with you"

*Blessing

*Postlude
(*Please stand if comfortable.)

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