

Epiphanytide
First Mennonite Church
January 12, 2020

Welcome Mitch Kingsley

Announcements

Prelude Jackie Wyse-Rhodes

Invocation

*Hymn *Blessed Jesus, at your word* HWB 13

*Responsive Reading

L: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God's name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

C: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, over mighty waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful and full of majesty.

L: The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness and causes the oaks to whirl and strips the forest bare.

ALL: The Lord sits enthroned as king forever. May the Lord give strength to the people! May the Lord bless the people with peace!

Chancel Choir *Ascribe to the Lord* Rosephanye Powell

Conversation with Friends Shannon Thiebeau
Bright and glorious is the sky HWB 219
(vs. 1 forward and vs. 5 returning)

Community prayer

Theda Good

Scripture

Isaiah 42:1-9; Matthew 3:13-17

Kevin Nickel

Sermon

Be Loved

Wanda Stopher

Responsive Reading

HWB 776

*Hymn

Who are these (sing twice)

HWB 270

Presenting our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Jackie Wyse-Rhodes

*Hymn *Worship the Lord in the beauty* (v. 1) HWB 220

*Prayer of dedication

*Hymn

Jesus shall reign

HWB 319

*Benediction

Postlude

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

*HWB Hymnal: A Worship Book; STJ-Sing the Journey; STS-Sing the Story
Please ask an usher for large print hymnals.*

In response to God's unconditional love for all people, we joyfully and unconditionally welcome you to join us on our journey of faith in Jesus Christ. We are committed to breaking down dividing walls and building community where all are loved and accepted. We believe in active inclusion and invite each one to participate in the life and ministry of our congregation.

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Church Staff

- Pastor Wanda Stopher – Monday-Thursday, 9-4, off Friday; 419-551-1079; wanda@fmcbluffton.org
- Pastor Theda Good – Tuesday-Friday, 9-4, off Monday; 419-549-2417 (cell); theda@fmcbluffton.org
- Children and Youth Ministry Director – Carrie Mast, M-F, 8-11 a.m., mastc@bluffton.edu
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- Administrative Asst. – Mary Pannabecker Steiner, M-F, 9-4, fmc@fmcbluffton.org
- Custodian – Mick Hardy, 7-10 a.m., T-W-Th, weekends as needed

Greeter: Victoria Woods-Yee **Sound:** Art Shelly

Nursery today: Melissa Friesen, Cheri Slotter

Worship today: Alison and Kevin King, Sophia Gott

Nursery next week: Amy Freeman, Mitch Kingsley

Worship next week: Kevin Cluts, Kristen Niekamp, Sunita Hooley

Our stewardship

Worship attendance last Sunday	FMC-199, MC-8
Volunteer hours	67.5
Spending plan giving 1-05-20 (+e-giving)	\$4,987.76
Non-spending plan giving 1-05-20 (+e-giving): Hymnal-\$24	\$920.98
Sojourners-\$12; Faith and Life-\$50; SH/JH camp-\$445;	
Kitchen-\$4.25; Syrian student-\$265.73; College scholar-\$40;	
Freudige-\$50; MCC-\$50	
Total giving 1-05-20 (includes e-giving)	\$13,761.15
2019 spending plan	\$431,854.00

First Mennonite Church is affiliated with the Central District Conference of Mennonite Church USA. The Mennonites are named after Menno Simons, one of our early church leaders, and are rooted historically in the "Anabaptist" movement, which began in 1525, with origins in Switzerland, Germany, and the Netherlands now reaching around the world. Some primary Anabaptist convictions then and now are following Jesus Christ in service to others, rejection of violence and war, and joyful community life.

