

**Epiphanytide**  
**First Mennonite Church**  
**January 19, 2020**

Welcome Darryl Nester

Announcements

Prelude *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* Nicolai/Blersch  
LuAnn Stuckey

Invocation

\*Hymn *How brightly beams the morning* HWB 222

\*Responsive Reading John 1:35-40 (IB)

L: John was by the Jordan River again with two of his disciples. Seeing Jesus walk by, John said, "Look! Behold! There is the Lamb of God!"

**C: The two disciples heard what John said and followed Jesus. When Jesus turned around and noticed them following, he asked them, "What are you looking for?"**

L: They replied, "Rabbi,"—which means "Teacher"—"where are you staying?"

**All: "Come and see," Jesus answered.**

Chancel Choir *Lamb of God, Grant us Peace*  
Z. Randall Stroope

Conversation with Friends Wanda Stopher  
*Bright and glorious is the sky* HWB 219  
(vs. 1 forward and vs. 5 returning)

Community prayer Theda Good

Scripture Ephesians 2:4-22 Beth Boehr

Sermon *God's gift of grace* JP Schumacher

\*Hymn *Marvelous grace of our loving Lord* HWB 151

Presenting our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Stay with Us* Pelz/Cherwien

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

\*Prayer of dedication

\*Hymn *In Christ there is no East or West* HWB 306

\*Benediction

Postlude *Let Us Walk with Jesus* Boltze/Kosche

*\*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](mailto:wanda@fmcbluffton.org)
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- Custodian – Mick Hardy, 7-10 a.m., T-W-Th, weekends as needed

**Greeter:** Rich Bucher **Chancel:** Anita Lehman **Sound:** Melissa Friesen

**Nursery today:** Amy Freeman, Mitch Kingsley

**Worship today:** Kevin Cluts, Kristen Niekamp, Sunita Hooley

**Nursery next week:** Melinda, Patrick and Rebecca Estell

**Worship next week:** Kendra and Ellie Nickel, Ana Neufeld Weaver

#### Our stewardship

Worship attendance last Sunday	FMC-185, MC-8
Volunteer hours	90.5
Spending plan giving 1-12-20 (+e-giving)	\$20,774.00
Non-spending plan giving 1-12-20 (+e-giving): Pk-5-\$5.03	\$6,887.09
Hymnal fundraiser-\$3,591; SH/JH camp-\$440; Faith/life-\$155	
Kitchen-\$117.06; College schol-\$25; Deacons-\$250; Memorials-\$319	
Capital camp-\$55; Freudige-\$160; Habitat-\$120; MDS-\$1,200	
Total giving 1-12-20 (includes e-giving)	\$27,661.09
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.*

