



Welcome to
First Mennonite Church

October 24, 2021

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Welcome and announcements Kevin Cluts
 Ministry Minute Greg Hartzler
 Prelude *In Christ There Is No East or West* (spiritual J. Bleresch)
 LuAnn Stuckey
 Invocation
 *Opening Hymn VT 161 *I Sought the Lord*

*Responsive Reading - selected verses from Psalm 34

One: I will bless the Lord at all times;
Many: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
 One: My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
Many: let the humble hear and be glad.
 One: O magnify the Lord with me,
Many: and let us exalt his name together.
 One: I sought the Lord,
Many: and he answered me,
All: and delivered me from all my fears.

Telling God's Story

Special Music *Hallelujah, Amen* by G.F. Handel Chancel Choir
 Conversation with Friends Jeff Gundy
 Hymn VT 516 *Jesus Loves Me* (sing as children come forward and return to their seats)
 Community Prayer Gloria Hernandez Bucher
 Scripture Job 40:6–14; 41:1–42:17 Karen McCullough
 Message *Leviathan on a Leash* Jackie Wyse-Rhodes

Living God's Story

*Hymn of Response VT 176 *O God, Great Womb*
 Offering
 Words of Invitation
 Offertory Exultation (Matthew Compton)
 Adult Bells
 Dedication Prayer

Sending

*Hymn of Sending VT 103 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*
 *Benediction
 Postlude Joyful, Joyful" (Beethoven/arr. J.W. Kerr)

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

VT - *Voices Together* (Purple Bound Book)
 HWB - *Hymnal: A Worship Book* (Blue Bound Book)
 STJ - *Sing the Journey* (Green Spiral Book)
 STS - *Sing the Story* (Purple Spiral Book)

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

- Director of Music/Interim Church Administrator – Mark Suderman, 419-230-5368; sudermanme@bluffton.edu
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Office Hours

- Monday, Wednesday, & Friday 9:00am-3:30pm
- Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am-4:30pm

Jeff Boehr

- Wednesday 9:00am-12:00pm

Video: Ray Raeburn

Sound: Melissa Friesen

Chancel: Anita Lehman

Nursery Care:

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.

10/10/21 - 10/17/21

Reported volunteer hours: 30.5

