

Epiphanytide
First Mennonite Church
February 2, 2020

Welcome Adam Phillips

Announcements

Prelude *O God of Light* setting by J. Blersch
LuAnn Stuckey

Invocation

*Hymn *God of the earth, the sky, the sea* HWB 53

*Responsive Reading Psalm 15 (NRSV)
L: O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on
your holy hill? Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is
right, and speak the truth from their heart
**C: who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil
to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their
neighbors;**
L: in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor
those who fear the Lord; who stand by their oath even to
their hurt;
**C: who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a
bribe against the innocent.**
ALL: Those who do these things shall never be moved.

Chancel Choir *The Cloud's Veil* Lawson/arr. McCann
Steve Harnish, recorder

Conversation with Friends Jeff Gundy
Come and be light for our eyes STJ 5
(vs. 1 forward and vs. 2 returning)

Community prayer Adam Phillips

Scripture Matthew 5:1-12; Micah 6:1-8 Ray Person

Sermon *A Case for Earth* Wanda Stopher

*Hymn *Touch the Earth Lightly* (Hymnal pocket)

Presenting our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *O Worship the King* setting by J. Blersch

*Hymn *Lord of all good* STJ 60

*Prayer of dedication

*Hymn *I saw a tree by the riverside* STS 116

*Benediction

Postlude *O Christ, Our Hope (IV)* setting by J. Blersch

**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: Amy Freeman **Chancel:** Anita Lehman **Sound:** Chris Moser

Nursery today: Shelby Cluts, Cheri Slotter

Worship today: Amy Blount, Jeff Shadbolt, Theo Andreas

Nursery next week: Rachel Diller, Mary Ina Hooley

Worship next week: Betsi and Joe Werling, Grace Paquin

Our stewardship

Worship attendance last Sunday	FMC-208, MC-12
Volunteer hours	136
Total spending plan giving January 2020 to date	\$36,807
Avg monthly offering needed to meet 2020 spending plan	\$37,136

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.

