

Epiphanytide
First Mennonite Church
February 9, 2020

Welcome Chris Moser

Announcements

Prelude Jackie Wyse-Rhodes

Invocation

Cherub Choir *Praise Him, Praise Him* Traditional
Ben Hartzler, ukulele

*Hymn *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah* HWB 582

*Responsive Reading HWB 671

L: O God, we come seeking you in our worship together.

C: We come to you for truth because we are untrue

L: We come to you for strength because we are weak.

C: We come to you for wisdom because we are unwise.

**ALL Move in our midst; show us your truth, your
strength, and your wisdom, through Jesus the Christ.**

Amen.

Adult Bell Choir *God of Grace* Manz/Thompson

Conversation with Friends Shelby Cluts
Come and be light for our eyes STJ 5
(vs. 1 forward and vs. 3 returning)

Community prayer Theda Good

Chancel Choir *True Light* Keith Hampton
Marlyce Gundy and Jeff Boehr, soloists

Scripture Isaiah 58:1-12; Matthew 5:13-20 Gene Long
Ethan Nickel

Sermon *Salt, light, city* Wanda Stopher

*Hymn *You are salt for the earth* HWB 226

Presenting our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Jackie Wyse-Rhodes

*Hymn *Lord of all good* STJ 60

*Prayer of dedication

*Hymn *God of the Bible* STJ 27

*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
- Director of Music – Mark Suderman, 419-230-5368 (cell); sudermanme@bluffton.edu
- 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:** Kevin Cluts

Nursery today: Rachel Diller, Mary Ina Hooley

Worship today: Betsi and Joe Werling, Grace Paquin

Nursery next week: Pat Sheidler and Carmen Ordonez

Worship next week: Melissa Friesen, Andrea Goings, John Paul Yoder

Our stewardship

Worship attendance last Sunday	FMC-193, MC-12
Volunteer hours	38
Total spending plan giving February 2020 to date	\$4,464
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.

