

**Life Reframed: Turning  
First Mennonite Church  
March 17, 2019**

Welcome Kevin and Shelby Cluts

Announcements

Prelude “Come Holy Spirit, Lord and God” F.W. Zachau  
LuAnn Stuckey

Invocation

\*Hymn “Holy spirit, come with power” HWB 26

\*Confession

**ALL: Almighty God, we confess that we are incurable scorekeepers.**

L: We judge others with standards we don't use for ourselves. We see the speck in others' eyes while ignoring the ugly log in our own.

**C: Forgive us for ever thinking we could be, even for one moment, the measure of righteousness or the standard of justice.**

**ALL: By your grace and through your transforming love, make us the people you have fashioned us to be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness “The church of Christ in every age”  
HWB 403 (vs. 1 & 4)

Conversation with friends Linda Headings  
“Come to me, come to us” STS 60  
(v. 1 coming forward, v.3 returning)

Special Music “Danza”  
Adult Bells

Community Prayer Theda Good

Special Music “Turn My Heart, O God” Marty Haugen  
Chancel Choir

Scripture Matthew 5:17-48 Gerald Mast

Sermon “Like sunshine and rain” Wanda Stopher

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Theo Andreas, Ethan Nickel, Danielle Corbin

\*Hymn “Gentle God, when we are driven” STS 71

Presenting our tithes and offerings

Offertory “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”  
C. Callahan

\*Hymn of Dedication “God, whose giving” (vs. 1) HWB 383

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn “Calm me, Lord” STS 45

\*Benediction “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word” |  
M. Praetorius

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 assistance in locating 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 (cell); fmc.wanda@bluffton.edu
- Pastor Theda Good -- Tuesday-Friday, 9-4, off Monday; 419-549-2417 (cell); fmc.theda@bluffton.edu
- Interim Children and Youth Ministry Director – Carrie Mast, M-F, 8-10 a.m., mastc@bluffton.edu
- Director of Music – Mark Suderman, 419-230-5368 (cell); sudermanme@bluffton.edu
- Administrative Assistant – Mary Pannabecker Steiner, M-F, 9-4, fmc@bluffton.edu
- Custodian – Mick Hardy, 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., weekends as needed

**Host:** Lynn Miller

**Greeter:** JP Schumacher

**Sound:** Art Shelly

**Chancel:** Beth Boehr

**Nursery today:** Shelby Cluts, Mitch Kingsley

**Worship:** Amy Blount, Kendra Nickel, Ellie Nickel

**Nursery next week:** Monica Harnish, Victoria Woods-Yee

**Worship:** Kevin Cluts, Wendy Chappell-Dick, Sunita Hooley

**Our stewardship:**

Worship attendance last Sunday	FMC- 180, MC-3
Volunteer hours (March 3-9)	72
Spending plan giving March 10, 2019 (includes e-giving)	\$7,189.00
Special fund giving March 10, 2019 (includes e-giving): Freudige-\$20	
Kitchen-\$234; Easter flowers-\$169.65; flooring-\$155	\$578.65
Total giving March 10, 2019 (includes e-giving)	\$7,767.65
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.*

