



## ***Jeremiah's Letter to the Exiles:***

***Seek the welfare of the city***

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***I know the plans I have for  
you***

**November 23, 2025**

***First Mennonite Church***

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### **WE GATHER & PRAISE**

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

#### **Call to Worship\***

One: Here — this place, this time, this community —

**All: This is where God has placed us.**

One: Here is where we are to live faithfully.

**All: Here is where we are to serve.**

One: Now is when we are to flourish.

**All: Now is when we are to seek joy.**

One: These are the people with whom we are bound together.

**All: These are the people we are called to love.**

One: So come, let us worship God together.

#### **Prayer\***

**HYMN** *Come, Now is the Time to Worship* VT 29

#### **Passing the Peace – Fellowship Greeting**

*Greet those around you with the peace of Christ!*

**HYMN** *Like a Rock* VT 63

### **WE HEAR GOD'S STORY**

**Children's Time**

**HYMN** *Seek the Peace of the City* VT 206

**Scripture Reading** *Jeremiah 29:1-14 and John 14:27*

**Sermon**

**Music for Meditation**

## **WE TELL OUR STORIES**

**Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer** (VT 989B with 'sins')

## **WE GO TO LIVE INTO GOD'S STORY**

**HYMN** *As You Go Out from Here* VT 841

**Benediction\***

**Postlude**

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\*Worship Liturgy (Call to Worship, Prayers, Benediction) written by Rev. Teri Peterson.

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If you need a hearing assist device, please ask at the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary.

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**Salthawk Community Support** is again collecting **\$25 gift cards** (*WalMart, Amazon, Dillons, Bogey's, Metro Coffee, Chick-Fil-a, McDonalds, Taco Bell, Scooters, etc.*) for students at HMS8 and Hutch High for Christmas. **Bring your gift cards by December 1<sup>st</sup>** (place in the box on the table under the bulletin boards).

**The Hat, Mitten & Sock tree** is up in the foyer! Place donations of new items in the basket by **Dec 15**, and we'll deliver to Salvation Army.

The Nursery is typically staffed with a volunteer care provider during worship (and Sunday School as needed). Children are also welcome to remain in the sanctuary! Worship bags with drawing/coloring materials are provided at the back of the sanctuary.

Sound: Shane Miller  
Livestream: Jay Gehring  
Ushers: Cheryl Warkintin, Russell Goering  
Nursery: Joel & Hilda Iwashige  
Organist: Pauline Buller  
Worship Leader: Santalena Caudillo  
Song Leader, Guitar: Bryan Kehr  
Mandolin: Matthew Yoder  
Drums: Stephanie Gehring  
Children's Time: Diane Ziemer  
Scripture Reader: Randy Rempel  
Preacher: Tonya Ramer Wenger

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**Reno County Food Bank donations for November:** Canned fruit  
December: Pasta.

**Infant Care Bundles for MCC** have been prepared with items families in crisis around the world need to care for a newborn. A donation of \$25 (to FMC, designated for *Infant Care Bundles*) will pay for one bundle. The bundles will be dedicated on Christmas Eve.



**Advent Worship begins on November 30!** Our worship series this year comes from Illustrated Ministry, focusing on the theme ***The Will to Dream***: *"In this time of upheaval, we find trust is fragile, truth contested, and spaces between us feel harder to cross. Divisions stretch far and wide. The constant churn of political tension leaves many feeling anxious and uncertain. Community feels strained, and connection is harder to come by. Hearts are weary, and souls unsettled, and people of all perspectives are searching—not just for answers, but for understanding, healing, and hope. This ache is not weakness; it is a holy longing—a sacred desire for a world made whole. From this longing comes the will to dream—a persistent courage to imagine, resist, and rebuild a better world."*

**TODAY:**

**Text prayer requests** to Pastor Tonya @ 620-513-2828

**Offerings to support FMC mission and ministry** are received in the offering box at the back, or on our website.

**Fellowship time** with drinks after worship in Common Grounds

**Sunday School @ 11:00 for all ages**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- **November 30** – First Sunday of Advent
- **December 7** – FMC Annual Congregational Meeting (+zoom option)
- **December 10** – Choir rehearsal, 5:15pm (second rehearsal Dec. 17)
- **December 21** – Lessons & Carols worship service

**Church office closed this week Wednesday – Friday.** Pastor Tonya is available for pastoral care emergencies.

**FMC Annual Congregational Meeting – December 7, about 12:45.** The annual report was sent by email attachment on 11/22. Printed copies are available in the foyer. The morning also includes Sr. Youth Fundraisers – a silent auction and a fundraiser meal at noon. (Be thinking what you might contribute to the Silent Auction – and consider items for all ages including children!) ***Please bring all donations for the silent auction to the church basement by Thursday (12/4).*** The only exception is **food items** which can be brought that morning by 8:45am.

**Singers invited to join the choir for Lessons & Carols worship service** – rehearsals on December 10 & 17 at 5:15pm. Whether you've sung before or would like to join us this year, please come. Please let Pauline know by text or email that you plan to sing. Lessons & Carols will be on December 21.

**Giving Tuesday @MCC – Dec. 2, 6:30-8:00pm** – a come-&-go event for all ages! Check out the poster in the foyer for a list of activities.



***Arms Wide Open: To Serve & Be Served***

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**Office Hours: Tues & Thurs 9-2pm; Wed 12-3pm**

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