

## About First Mennonite Church

First Mennonite Church is affiliated with the Mennonite denomination. The Mennonites are named for Menno Simons, one of our early church leaders, and are rooted historically in the "Anabaptist" movement (Switzerland, 1525). Some primary Anabaptist values then and now are following Jesus Christ in life through service, rejection of violence, living simply and joy in participatory worship.

Pursuing God's dreams by the power of the Holy Spirit, in the way of Jesus Christ. ~ Vision of Mountain States Mennonite Conference

## Vision: Healing and Hope

God calls us to be followers of Jesus Christ and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to grow as communities of grace, joy and peace, so that God's healing and hope flow through us to the world.

~ Vision Statement of Mennonite Church USA

Welcome to

# First Mennonite Church

*Denver, Colorado*



*December 6, 2009*  
*Advent 2*

*Heavenly lights: All flesh shall see*

Worship 9:30 AM

Education Classes for All Ages 11:00 AM



## First Mennonite Church of Denver

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For more information about today's schedule, the weeks to come, or about our congregation, please visit our Welcome Table in the foyer. If you are not receiving the FMC Weekly, a weekly e-newsletter from the church, go to the church's website at [www.fmcdenver.org](http://www.fmcdenver.org) to subscribe. Look for the box in the upper right corner and enter your information.

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*May this be a place of hope and transformation for all who enter here.*

Gathering Music

## **Opening**

*Comfort, comfort, O my people* – HWB 176

Welcome and Introductions

Call to Worship (unison)  
*Come, Child of Bethlehem,  
make your presence known to us  
and dwell in our midst as we worship.*

*Come, Way of Peace,  
teach us the ways of your kingdom  
and make our lives your own.  
Come, Immanuel,  
show us the meaning of our humanity  
and bring us to the fullness of your presence. Amen.*  
(adapted from HWB 678)

Passing the Peace

(Option: “*Namaste*” - *The divine in me recognizes the divine in you.*)  
(please remain standing for the hymn and invocation)

*For mornings bright* – SJ 113

Invocation

Introit

*(The prayer cloth will be given to someone in our congregation  
as a sign of our prayers for them.)*

Children’s Time

## **Centering**

Chimes

Choir

## **Exploring**

Bible Reading – Luke 3:1-6

Meditation

*Hark! the glad sound* – HWB 184

## **Living**

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Reception of New Members

Congregational Response – HWB 777 (unison reading)  
and *Je louerai L’Eternel* – HWB 76 (vs. 1)

Offering of Money

Offering of Life: Women Beyond Borders

## **Sending**

*Oh, how shall I receive thee* – HWB 182

Benediction

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## **Leadership for this Service**

Leadership for this service:  
Worship leading – Jill Gerig  
Meditation – Vern Rempel  
Children’s Time – Barb Yoder Stutzman  
Accompanist – Randy Macy  
Song Leader and Choir Director – Arlen Hershberger

*Thank you to all who have given generously of their attention and talents to  
make this service a time of encouragement  
and a challenge in our walk of faith.*

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*Please join us in the Community Center following the service  
for coffee, tea and donuts.*