

*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.*

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

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.



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 to subscribe. Look for the box in the upper right corner and enter your information.

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Welcome to
First Mennonite Church
Denver, Colorado



December 20, 2009
Advent 4

Heavenly lights: Blessed is she

With selections from the "Christmas Oratorio" by Camille Saint-Saëns

Worship 9:30 AM
Education Classes for All Ages 11:00 AM

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

Gathering Music

Opening

O come, O come, Emmanuel – MH 111
Angels we have heard on high - HWB 197

Welcome and Introductions

Passing the Peace
(Option: “*Namaste*” - *The divine in me recognizes the divine in you.*)

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)

Advent Candle Lighting

Invocation

Introit
(The prayer cloth will be given to someone
in our congregation as a sign of our prayers for them.)
“Glory be unto God in the Highest”
(Choir and Orchestra)
“Patiently have I waited for the Lord”
(Heidi Swartzendruber, alto and Randy Macy, piano)

Children’s Time

Centering

Chimes (The bell is rung three times:
for what is old, for change, for that which is new.)

Music meditation
“Benedictus” or “Blessed is he who cometh”
(Nicole KandeLind, soprano, Hunter Hall, tenor
and Randy Macy, piano)
“Gloria”
(Choir and Orchestra)

Exploring

Bible Reading – Luke 1:39-45

Meditation

Living

Congregational Sharing and Prayer
Birthday recognitions for Caitlin Bay and Kori Leaman-Miller
Prayers of the People

Offering of Life: Joseph’s Storehouse, with Jane and Mel Birky

Offering of Money
“Tecum principium” or “My soul doth magnify”
(Sara Michael, soprano; Hunter Hall, tenor;
Charlie Ferguson, baritone; and Randy Macy, piano)

Sending

Benediction
“Praise ye the Lord of hosts”
(Choir and Orchestra, with congregation)
Sending Hymn - *Joy to the World* - HWB 318
Spoken benediction
Postlude - *“The Little Drummer Boy”*

Leadership for this Service

Worship leaders/planners – Brett Conrad & Vern Rempel
Music leaders/planners - Charlie Ferguson and Nikki KandeLind
Guest soloist - Hunter Hall
Gathering Music - Evan Conrad and Randy Macy
Meditation – Annie Lengacher Browning
Children’s Time – Barb Yoder Stutzman