

## 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*



**First Mennonite Church of Denver**

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# Welcome to First Mennonite Church

*Denver, Colorado*



## *January 23, 2011* *“A Discerning Church: Based on I Corinthians”*

Worship 9:30 AM  
Education Hour 11:00 AM

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

## **Gathering Music**

### **Opening**

*The love of God* – STJ 44  
*Immortal, invisible, God only wise* – HWB 70

Welcome and Introductions

Passing the Peace

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

Call to Worship

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 sound three times:  
For what is old, for change, for that which is new

Prayer – STJ 143

*Take my life* – HWB 389 (vss. 1, 2, 4, 6) To support our centering,  
following the sung verses, please hum one more verse.

### **Exploring**

Bible Reading – I Corinthians 1:10-18

Meditation – “Brains, Dreyfuss, and Why It Matters (Church)”

*Come, gracious Spirit* – HWB 303

## **Living**

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Offering

### **Sending**

*Come, come ye saints* – HWB 425 (vss. 1, 3)

Benediction

*\* When congregation is asked to stand, please stand if you are able.*

### **Leadership for this Service**

Worship Leader – Annie Lengacher Browning

Meditation – Vern Rempel

Song Leader – Nikki KandeLind

Gathering Music, Introit and Offertory – Andi Hagerup

Children’s Time – Naomi Nishi

Altar Arrangement – Amy Conrad

*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.*

*We welcome our visitors today.*

*You will find visitor cards in the pew racks.*

*If you would like to request pastoral care for yourself or someone else,  
you will find request cards in the pew racks.*

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

### **Education Hour – 11:00 AM**

**Children and Youth**, ages 2-18 – Basement

**Adults** – Discernment – The Timeline and Orientation for leaders  
and others for our small group discussions. Meets in Sanctuary