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If you need help finding the bathroom, the water fountain, kids activity bags, doughnuts during fellowship hour, etc., please ask a pastor or an usher. They will be happy to help!

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Checks: Write a check to FMC and drop in the offering box.

Online: Visit www.fmcdenver.org/giving or scan the QR code to the right. Make a one-time contribution or set up a recurring contribution with a credit/debit card or a direct withdrawal from your checking account.



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Welcome to First Mennonite Church Denver, CO



A Star Word

January 7, 2024

*That you may know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,
so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. – Ephesians 3:19*

We invite you to join the congregation in singing the songs marked with 🎵.

Entering Worship

🎵 On This Great Day of Days VT 260

Welcome

Christ Candle Procession: 🎵 Come and See VT 512

Children’s Story

🎵 Gloria VT 94

Call to Worship and Invocation

Leader: The New Dawn will arise upon you.

People: You shall see and be radiant.

Leader: The New Dawn will arise upon you.

People: The Holy One will bless the people with peace.

Leader: The New Dawn will arise upon you.

People: The joy of the Lord is my strength.

Leader: The New Dawn will arise upon you.

All: God is here among us. Let us rejoice and be glad in God’s presence

Silent Faith Reflection – Chimes/Silent Meditation

Invocation “Star Giving”, by Ann Weems:

What I’d really like to give you for Christmas is a star...
Brilliance in a package,
Something you could keep in the pocket of your jeans
or in the pocket of your being.
Something to take out in times of darkness,
Something that would never snuff out or tarnish,
Something you could hold in your hand,
Something for wonderment
Something for pondering,
Something that would remind you of
what Christmas has always meant:
God’s Advent Light into the Darkness of this World.
But Stars are only God’s for giving,
and I must be content to give you words and wishes
and packages without stars.
But I can wish you life

as radiant as the Star that announced the Christ Child’s coming,
and as filled with awe as the shepherds who stood
beneath its light.

And I can pass on to you the love
that has been given to me,
ignited countless times by others
who have knelt in Bethlehem’s light.
Perhaps, if you ask, God will give you a star.

Silent Faith Reflection – Chimes/Silent Meditation

🎵 O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem VT 275

Scripture Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12

Meditation A Star Word

🎵 Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory VT 504

Offering, Announcements

Benediction

🎵 Go Now in Peace, Worship Continues VT 829

Congregational Sharing and Introductions

Pastoral Prayer

🎵 As with Gladness VT 277

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**Directly after the service:** Coffee and Donuts Fellowship Hour

**10:45am:** Sunday School. All Ages.  
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Leadership for this Service

Meditation: Rev. Ann Rosewall

Worship Leaders: Annika Stutzman, Barb Stutzman

Song Leader: Charlie Ferguson

Musician: Charlie Ferguson

Chimes: Annika Stutzman

Children’s Storytime: Rachel Barnes

Lead Ushers: Carol and Dave Harguth

Audio Tech: Jorge Fiz

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