

**Worship Focus: When dark fear overwhelms us, God gathers us together in safe shelter. We seek the light of God's face.**

## 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude  
Welcome and Announcements

### Gathering

Call to worship

Leader: O God, you are our God. We seek you.

**People: Our souls thirst for you as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.**

Leader: The Lord is our light and our salvation—  
we shall not be afraid.

**People: We will wait for the Lord, and take courage,  
for we will see God's goodness.**

**All: O God, you satisfy our souls as with a rich feast.  
In the shadow of your wings, we sing for joy, and you  
uphold us.**

Song: "Here I am to worship" on screen

Song: "Cornerstone" on screen

Prayer

Song: "Jesus, Rock of ages" HWB#515

### Proclaiming

Children's Time

Dismissal for Junior Church

Scripture Reading: Psalm 27

Sermon: "Living in the contradictions"

Song: "Thy holy wings" STJ#118

### Confession and Reconciliation

Confessional Response – Zenas & Eleanor Buehler

Prayer:

**All: Sheltering God, we seek you, for you alone are our light  
and salvation. When darkness moves into our lives, we  
seek your face.**

Leader: When fears overcome us and paralyze us, we seek your  
face. When our souls hunger for your shelter, we seek your  
face.

**All: In the morning and in the evening, we will seek the face  
of our God.**

Leader: Our generous God provides for us.

### Offering

Offering our gifts

Sharing our stories

Prayer

### Sending

Song: "A wonderful Saviour is Jesus"

Farewell blessing

Postlude

HWB#598

**Preacher:** Jim Loepp Thiessen

**Worship Leader:** Nichelle Bauman

**Musicians:** Nichelle Bauman, Jocelyn Martin, Brett Shantz,  
Jeanette Towns

**Children's Time:** Rita Bauman

**Church Greeters Today:** Jerry Hesselink & Mahlon Martin

**Church Greeters Next Week:** Cliff & Mary Bauman

**Coffee Hosts:** Rosie & Ron Martin

Children of all ages are invited to Jr. Church. We ask that parents/guardians  
accompany very young children as needed.

*An unstaffed nursery is available during the worship service.*

*The sermon portion of this worship service is being videotaped and  
put on our website. The complete service is shared only with subscribers  
to the Floradalian mailing group. If for any reason you would not like a  
portion of the service to be included, please contact the AV person.*

*A warm welcome to our visitors this morning.*

*We hope our time of worship together has been an encouragement to you.*

*God bless you and we hope to see you again!*

### Adult Christian Education options

this morning from 11:15-12:00

- Sermon discussion Rm 9
- Uniform Series Rm 11
- Seniors Uniform Series Brd Rm
- Drawing Class Rm 12

### THIS WEEK AT FMC

**Thursday – 9:30 – Let's Connect** – An opportunity for seniors to play  
games and connect.

**Thursday – 6:30 – Church Council**

**Saturday - "Twas Now" concert and dinner** – Ham dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Concert at 7:30 p.m. Dinner tickets \$20.00 available from Glenn Martin,  
Nancy Martin, Gloria Bauman, Jane Hesselink or the church office.

"Twas Now" the husband and wife duo Mike and Diana Erb will perform  
a blend of traditional and original country-roots music. There will be a  
freewill offering at the concert.

### YAF CIRCLE

Hey young adults! Join us **Sunday March 24th at 11:15am for part two of  
"Five Ways to Pray" led by Jim in the Multi Purpose Room.** We'll  
have pizza afterwards. Join us even if you missed the first class.

### LOOKING AHEAD AT FMC

**Mar. 26 – April calendar items due to the office.**

**Mar. 29 – 8:00 – Men’s Breakfast at Crossroads** – speaker Dan Driedger, MennoHomes Inc.

**Apr. 3 – 2-4 p.m. – Area Seniors Fellowship - Guest Speaker: Miriam Frey** at Elmira Mennonite Church. Topic: Heeding God’s Call after leaving the Markham Mennonite Church. Fellowship and refreshments following the presentation. Freewill offering. For further information, contact Darrell and Florence Jantzi. Please sign up by Mar. 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Apr. 13 – Attention Ladies! WMCEC Spring Enrichment Day is at Floradale this year. Registration deadline is March 23.**

**April 14, 3:00 p.m.** – Elmira Area Churches will present **Handel's Messiah** at here at FMC. April 12 & 13 performances at Woodside Church. Tickets \$5 each available at the church office.

### ADDITIONAL FMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Marj will be out of the office until March 22.** During that time there will be no regular office coverage, but Veg Weber will be preparing the bulletin. Please have all bulletin items to the office by Thursday at 9:00 a.m.

**If you’re interested in exploring what it means to follow Christ in the step of baptism, talk with Pastor Jim.**

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**Wednesday Evening Lenten Services: 7:00 p.m.**

Mar. 20 – Trinity United – Paul Dyck speaking

Mar 27 – Elmira Mennonite – Taize

Apr. 3 – Gale Presbyterian – Hans Borch speaking

Apr. 10 – to be determined – Scott Sinclair speaking

**See announcement sheet for other announcements.**



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