

1 Corinthians 2:1-16 (NRSV)

Proclaiming Christ Crucified

2 When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³ And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴ My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

The True Wisdom of God

⁶ Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷ But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him”—

¹⁰ these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. ¹³ And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

¹⁴ Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵ Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

¹⁶ “For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?”
But we have the mind of Christ.

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FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, February 13, 2022
“The Church of God, the Church of Christ,” Part 4
“The Source of Our Wisdom”

GATHERING

Gathering Music		Jenny Epp
Welcome, Announcements, Greeting		Holly Swartzendruber
Prelude to Worship		Jenny Epp
*Call to Worship	VT 877	Holly Swartzendruber
*Hymn	Holy Spirit, Come with Power	VT 57
Psalm 143:1-8, 10 (NRSV)		

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my supplications in your faithfulness; answer me in your righteousness.

Do not enter into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you.

*For the enemy has pursued me,
crushing my life to the ground,
making me sit in darkness like those long dead.*

Therefore my spirit faints within me; my heart within me is appalled.

*I remember the days of old, I think about all your deeds,
I meditate on the works of your hands.*

I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.

Selah

Answer me quickly, O LORD; my spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me, or I shall be like those who go down to the Pit.

Let me hear of your steadfast love in the morning, for in you I put my trust.

Teach me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God. Let your good spirit lead me on a level path.

Hymn All Who Are Thirsty VT 49
Time for God's Children Tammy Wintermote

SHARING

Sharing and Prayer Pastor Tom
Prayer Hymn Trinity Song VT 60

LISTENING

Scripture 1 Corinthians 2:1-16
Message The Source of Our Wisdom Pastor Tom

RESPONDING

Hymn Come, Gracious Spirit VT 371
Benediction Spirit of God Pastor Tom

Spirit of God, grow in us, that we may learn to love like Jesus
Spirit of God, go with us, that we may share the love that frees us.

Postlude Jenny Epp

This morning's sermon is the fourth in a sermon series on Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, "The Church of God, the Church of Christ."

Offering this Sunday: Note that today's offering is designated to the Hi-Fy Youth. All contributions, unless otherwise indicated, will go to the youth.

Explore FMC! Sometime during the upcoming season of Lent Pastor Tom will once again offer an opportunity to "explore FMC"—what we believe, where we come from, how we do things, and what it means to be a member. If you are interested, please let him know. The time and day will be determined in part by the schedules of the participants.

Needed: part-time church secretary/administrative assistant- approximately 15 hours/week (negotiable). **Also needed: part-time custodian-** once weekly cleaning routine and as needed for occasional other events throughout the year. If interested, contact Neal at 620-755-4636, Bob at 620-381-4355, or the church office at 620-947-5662 or respond by email at secretary@fmchillsboro.com.

Our Wednesday evening fellowship meals are resuming this Wednesday! Pizza Hut is on the menu. (Donations will be accepted.) The food will be served from 6-6:45 p.m. Sermon Discussion begins at 7.

Have a heart for refugees! The WDC Immigration Task Force encourages your congregation to offer a “love gift” of cleaning supplies before February 14 for arriving families. International Rescue Committee Wichita resettled 350 families last month alone. Let’s remember our own immigrant history and be the hands and feet of Christ. You may drop off donations of supplies at the North Newton WDC Office 8 am-4:30 pm Mon-Fri or at Shalom Mennonite Church (800 E First, Newton) from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Mon-Thurs & Sunday mornings. Email office@shalomnewton.org if you cannot drop off supplies. For more information, click IRC Donations List. To make a monetary donation, go to: rescue.org/united-states/wichita-ks. Thank you!

Enjoy the grand opening of Kauffman Museum’s 125th-anniversary exhibit, “The Magic of Things.” come-and-go Saturday, Feb. 19 from 2:30-4:30 p.m., with remarks by lead curator Reinhild K. Janzen at 3 p.m. *Current Bethel COVID protocols require masking indoors regardless of vaccination status.*

Sunflower Performing Arts at Hesston College will host acclaimed British vocal ensemble Voces8 on February 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Hesston Mennonite Church. Based in the United Kingdom, this world-famous vocal octet will present a program titled “Choral Dances” which explores the interweaving of dance and music through the ages. The program will adeptly entwine various styles, refusing to follow the standard chronological ordering of music within a concert. Tickets may be purchased in person at the door or at the Hesston College bookstore, or online at hesston.edu/bookstore. Masks are required for this event.

Mennonite Friendship Committee (MFC) is hosting its annual Liverwurst and Fried Mush fundraising dinner Friday, Feb. 25 from 5-8 p.m. at Journey @ Yoder. For many people, it’s an unusual meal, but once they try it, they come back year after year! All proceeds help MFC to provide care for all who need services, including those who no longer have the funds to pay for their care. The dinner menu consists of liverwurst, fried mush, whole hog sausage, tomato gravy, cream gravy, or syrup, applesauce, orange juice, and coffee. Gluten-free options are available. For more information, call 620-663-7175.