

Follow Jesus; Mature in Faith; Carry the Good News
At First Mennonite Church

Serving Today:

Worship Leader: Pastor Josh Janzen

Pianist: Vicki Hinz-Ensz

PowerPoint: Lori Thimm

Ushers: Doug Casey, Gayland Regier

Video: John Thimm

Audio: Jim Ensz

Hosts: Brad & Amanda Thimm

Happening this week:

Sunday, January 4	9:30 am Adult Sunday School
	10:30 am Worship
Tuesday, January 6	1:30 pm WMS Quilting & tying
Wednesday, January 7	7:00 pm Annual Business Meeting
Sunday, January 11	9:30 am Sunday School for All Ages
	Baptism Class
	10:30 am Worship

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- Ask an usher for assistance with a **hearing device**.
 - **We collect** Best Choice labels & used cards and envelopes.
 - **Food Pantry** items may go in the box in the narthex. Cash donations may be given to Dolores Jantzen.
 - Have a project for Men's Brotherhood? Contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Janzen.
 - Our service is on <https://www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice> and heard on FM 107.5 in our parking lot. The bulletin is at fmcbeatrice.org, under the More tab; select documents; church docs, minutes & bulletins.
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Welcome to First Mennonite Church
New Year's Eve Communion Service
December 31, 2025

Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayer

GOD'S FAITHFULNESS IN THE PAST

Scripture: Isaiah 63:7-9

Testimony of God's Faithfulness in Our Congregation

***Births:** Dorothea Mae Janzen*

***Deaths:** Ernest Jantzen*

Hymn: "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

VT 419

Message

OUR FEARS

Scripture: Psalm 74:1-11, 18-23

Naming Our Fears

Hymn: "Abide with Me"

VT 502 vs. 1-3

OUR HOPES

Scripture: Jeremiah 29:11-14a

Naming Our Hopes

Hymn: "How Firm a Foundation"

VT 592

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Scripture: Jeremiah 29:12-13

Prayer

Hymn: "Come Thou Fount"

VT 563

Prayer for God's Blessing in the New Year

GOD'S SURE PROMISE FOR THE FUTURE

Scripture: Isaiah 45:3-6

Act of Covenant

L: Do you commit yourselves today to take up the cost and joy of discipleship in Jesus Christ during the coming year and from now on?

All: As we begin this New Year, we renew our covenant with one another to seek and respond to the word and the will of God.

We purpose to walk together in all God's ways made known and yet to be made known to us.

We will join the mission of the church to witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ in all the world, while worshipping God and striving for truth, justice, and peace, relying on the Holy Spirit to lead and empower us.

We will pray for the coming of the realm of God, and we look with faith toward the triumph of righteousness and eternal life.

This we do with the help of God. AMEN

COMMUNION

Words of Introduction

Communion Prayer

VT 944 adapted

L: It is a good and joyful thing always and everywhere to give thanks to you Holy God. With your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join in the underlying hymn:

All: Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest.

L: And so here we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has been born. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!

L: We praise you, all-holy God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, today, tomorrow, and forever. We give thanks and pray the prayer that Jesus has taught us to pray: **OUR FATHER...**

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Communal Prayer

VT 946

All: Everlasting God, in deep gratitude, for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you.

Send us to live as changed people, because we have shared the Living Bread, and cannot remain the same.

Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us.

Oh God, may we glorify you as inhabitants of earth and as citizens of heaven. Amen.

Benediction

Passing the Peace

Welcome! Glad you're here! Our services can be found on YouTube. Search for FMC Beatrice. We hope to see you again soon!

The Annual Business meeting is Wednesday, Jan 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Please inform the office of any changes in address, phone numbers, or emails before the 2026 Directory is printed in January.

Children's Sunday School resumes on January 11, at 9:30 a.m.

MDS Nebraska Unit is in immediate need of a **Treasurer/Secretary AND a Board Chair** to serve Nebraska residents in need of hope after a disaster. In this role board members would help lead the unit in projects and represent the unit at both Regional and National MDS gatherings. Please prayerfully consider serving those recovering from disasters in one of these important MDS positions. Contact LeRoy Janzen if you are interested in serving MDS or would like to nominate someone you feel would do well in one of these roles. (leroyjprecisefab@gmail.com 402.806.0094)

May God's Light guide you throughout 2026!