

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

Serving Today:

Pastor: Josh Janzen Pianist: Vicki Hinz-Ensz
Sharing Reflections: Dan Kunzman and Jerry Reimer
Audio: Jim Ensz
Ushers: Kent Hohensee, Kyle Riesen Hosts: Pat Penner & Elsie Riesen

Dec 25: Offerings: FMC: \$4,340; AMBS: \$1,415
Attendance: 54

Happening this week:

Sunday, January 1	9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship
Tuesday, January 3	1:30 p.m. WMS Quilting & Tying
Sunday, January 8	9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Adults & Kids 10:30 a.m. Worship Shepherd Groups meet for Cottage Prayer

Late December Birthdays

25: Dick Penner 29: John Penner

Early January Birthdays

2: Christina Lyons	6: Ryan Hohensee
7: Barb Thimm	8: Hannah Kunzman, Doris Claassen
9: Jim Wiebe	10: Jan Reimer
11: Beckett Heinz	14: John Regier
15: Clara Trantham	17: Ron Janzen

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- Ask an usher for assistance with a **hearing device**.
 - **We collect** Sun Mart receipts, Best Choice labels & used cards/envelopes
 - **Food Pantry:** Please put items in the narthex box or give cash donations to Dolores Jantzen.
 - **Shop at smile.amazon.com** to support Mother to Mother Ministries with your Amazon purchases!
 - If you would like a **PDF of the church directory** for your phone, please contact the office.
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Welcome to First Mennonite Church

December 31, 2022

New Year's Eve Communion Service

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
New Members
Baptisms
Marriages
Deaths

Hymn: "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

VT 419

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.

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

Offering for Deacons Fund

Welcome! We're glad you're worshipping with us! The service is available at <https://www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice> and on FM 107.5 in our parking lot. To follow along in the bulletin, visit our website fmcbeatrice.org; under the More tab select Documents. Scroll down to Church docs, minutes and bulletins.

The adult Sunday School class will meet tomorrow to begin discussing chapter 6 (Intentional Diversity and Inclusion) of the book *Reawakened*. All are welcome to join the discussion even if you haven't read the book.

Children's Sunday School will resume on January 8 at 9:30 a.m.

God's Blessings in 2023!