

Beatrice Mennonite Church
First Mennonite Church

January 10, 2010

Baptism Sunday

Prelude – Karen Wiebe

9:30 – Worship

L: Come, family of God, come join in the celebration of new life!

East: Come, mothers and fathers,

West: come, sisters and brothers,

East: come, grandparents, friends and neighbors,

West: come, family of God!

L: God is about to do a new thing.

Be glad and rejoice in what God creates!

ALL: We have come to witness a birth;

**we have come to welcome new members
to the body of Christ.**

Praise God, the Giver of new life!

Prayer

*Hymn #514 “Lord, I am fondly, earnestly longing”

Old Testament Scripture #809 – Joshua 24:14-18

BMC/FMC Choir – “As I went down to the river”

Baptism Testimonies

Niki Schmidt

Taylor Wiens

Mallory Schlake

Isaiah Friesen

*Hymn #614 “In the bulb there is a flower”

Baptism Testimonies

Alex Goossen

Emily Funk

Kyle Riesen

2008 New Testament Scripture #847 (Romans 6:1-11)

BMC/FMC Choir – *Baptism Song* – (by Weldon Schloneger)
Wade in the Water (#446)

Baptism Testimonies

Halley Keeney

Austin Goossen

Jordan Fielder

Mikel Summers

Meditation

Baptism Litany

L: Today our friends are being baptized. We are glad for them as they make the choice to follow Jesus.

P: They are also making the choice to belong to the church—both to these two congregations and to the wider church that is made up of Christians from all over the world.

L: Their vows will be made in public—a witness to their faith.

P: They will kneel to own that Jesus is their Lord, and stand to begin a new life in Christ.

L: They will be baptized with water as a sign that they are cleansed. The water will be poured over them to signify that the Spirit of God is poured into their lives.

P: The pastor will lay hands on them to confirm their faith as well as ordain them for the mission of the church.

L: Baptism is an outward sign, a public witness to what has happened.

P: It is an act God does, and an act we do.

L: It is an act of our community of faith, and an act of each person.

ALL: Today, as our friends are baptized,

we will renew our own baptismal vows.

May God bless on this special day and always.

Questions and Responses

Prayer #779 [unison]

Baptisms, Beatrice Mennonite Church

-- assisted by BMC SYF sponsors Ted & Diane Summers

Baptisms, First Mennonite Church

-- assisted by FMC SYF sponsors Larry & Kathy Thimm

Presentation of Hymnals and Certificates

*Promises of the Congregation #777

*Hymn #118 "Praise God from whom"

Sharing and Prayer

Offering

BMC: Church Budget – white envelopes

FMC: Western District Conference

Service of Communion

Welcoming the Family to the Table

*Hymn #471 "Eat this bread" (2x)

Scripture: Mark 3:31-35 from The Message . . . Reflections

Reading #785

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*God's Benediction: Hymn #433 "Go, my children"

*Postlude

(*Please stand if comfortable.)

Noon Meal

The families of those being baptized today invite you to a noon celebration meal in the Fellowship Hall. Before, during and after the meal, give to our youngest members your personal greeting and blessing.



Sunday, January 10, 2009