

First Mennonite Church

January 3, 2010

Welcome!

The purpose of **F**irst **M**ennonite **C**hurch is to:

FOLLOW JESUS

MATURE IN FAITH

CARRY THE GOOD NEWS

Sunday School, Worship, and all our church activities equip
and strengthen us to fulfill that purpose.

**We invite members, friends, and visitors to
join us on the journey!**

9:15-9:40 – Snacks & conversation in Fellowship Hall

9:15-10:20 *FMC/BMC Catechism*

9:40-10:20 – *Sunday School*

PreK-5th Grade Room 30
Adult Classes

10:30 – *Worship - Epiphany Sunday*

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Worship Team & Congregation

S&R # 11, Refrain -all

vs. 1 – all, vs. 2 - all women

vs. 3 - all men, vs. 4 & 6 - all

Hymnal, page 159 - Everyone on all verses

Hymnal, page 219 - starting with vs. 3 - worship team

vs. 4 & 5 - all

Call to Worship

L: The darkness has ended. The Lord is here.

Arise, shine, your light has come!

**P: We have a story to tell the nations. Let us lift up our
eyes and look around us; let us come, one and all,
to worship our Lord.**

L: Almighty and eternal God, Lord Christ, we thank you
for your birth, for showing us the way back to God.

**ALL: May all the world receive her glorious king with Joy.
Amen.**

Prayer

Scripture: Mt. 2:1-12

*Hymn #218 As with gladness men of old"

Scripture – Psalm 72

*Hymn #37 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Sermon: *The Flawless King*

Litany of Response (from Psalm 25 & 72)

L: Lord on this celebration of Epiphany, we rejoice in your
presence with us and long for your return. We pray with the
Psalmist:

P: To you, L Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust.

L: In the midst of uncertainty and fear, we pray

**P: do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.**

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L: We confess that we have tried many paths and that our wandering has made us weary. Sometimes the stars we follow are made by human hands. Forgive us.

P: Make us to know your ways, O Lord; teach us your paths. Like the magi, show us how to find the Savior.

L: We come looking for your grace, not because we deserve it, but because of your merciful love for all people. We pray:

P: May your kingdom come, O Lord!

L: May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, righteousness. May the Lord defend the cause of the poor, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

P: May righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

L: Good and upright is the Lord; For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper; he redeems their life.

P: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness. Praise the Lord!

*Hymn of Response – #319 “Jesus shall reign”

Offering: Church General Fund

Prayer of dedication [unison]

Alive to the hope that is within us and inspired by the vision of the reigning Christ, we bring these gifts and offer our lives. Use them, O God, as you continue use us in the generous sharing of your mercy and love.

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Prayer

*Hymn #288 “Rejoice, the Lord is King!”

*Benediction

(*Please stand if comfortable.)



Sunday, January 3, 2010