

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Miller, South Dakota**

**August 16, 2020**

Pastor: Brian Jones

Organist: Janice Palmer

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: God has forgiven us and drawn us close,

**ALL: Reconciling us through Jesus Christ, who has  
lavished upon us the fullness of the blessed Holy  
Spirit.**

One: With glad and grateful hearts, let us praise the Lord!

**MORNING PRAYER**

**\*HYMN No. 137** “Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power”

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** Have mercy on us, Lord Jesus;  
we are tormented! Our lives have been disrupted by evil and by  
our own devilish desires and exploits. We are dismayed at your  
presence, anguished by the awful fallout of our own failures. We  
cannot take back what we have said or undo what we have done or  
atone for the pain we have caused. We are haunted by the past,  
plagued by the present, and fearful of the future. We shrink away  
from your gaze as strangers outside your circle of blessing. Yet  
the faith you have planted in us reaches out for your favor, returns  
to your presence, and hungers for your mercy, through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. Amen.

**\*DECLARATION OF PARDON**

**\*GLORIA PATRI** (see insert for words)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**RESPONSIVE READING:** Psalm 133 (p. 539 in pew Bible)

**GOSPEL READING:** Matthew 15:10-28 (p. 849 in pew Bible)

**SERMON:** “Mercy, Not Sacrifice”

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER**

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**\*DOXOLOGY** (see insert for words)

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN No. 308** “Make Me a Captive, Lord”

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**\*Please stand, if you are able**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### REMEMBER:

**\*Guests, we welcome you.** Please sign the guest book by the front door before you leave.

**\*Large print bulletins and hearing assistive devices are available.**

If you would like one, please pick one up as you come into the sanctuary.

**\*Let the Deacons or Brian know** if you or someone you know is hospitalized and in need of a visit or prayers.

**\*An usher will be available to help** people up and down the stairs or in and out of the elevator.

**\*Invitation:** Come for coffee and cookies Sunday mornings from 9:15 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.

## OUR CHURCH

**August 16—August 22**

**Sun., Aug. 16-:** Worship at 10:00 A.M

**Mon. Aug. 17:** Happy Birthday: Sandra Selting

**Thurs., Aug. 20:** Happy Birthday: Greg Rediger, Dayken Nelson,  
& Ruby Carder

Happy Anniversary: Mike & Jennifer Runge

**Fri., Aug. 21:** Happy Birthday: Davon Rombough

Happy Anniversary: Whitey & Joyce Wieland

**Sat., Aug. 22:** Happy Birthday: Stephanie Bonebright & Steve Resel  
Happy Anniversary: Rich & Pat Waldrop

**Greeter Today:**

**Greeter for next week:**

**Ushers for August:** Elders

**Deacons for August:** Dwan DeGeest & Gayle Vrooman

**Attendance for last week:** 48

**FYI:** 1. Our Church would like to get e-mail addresses of our members. If you could e-mail me at my address of [secretary@firstpresmiller.org](mailto:secretary@firstpresmiller.org), I can save your addresses or please get them to me in writing if e-mailing is not an option. Thank you. Patty

2. Please let the office know if I am missing any birthdays or anniversaries. Thanks!

*3. Ladies (and gentlemen if you wish to contribute) Don't forget the Bakeless Bake Sale for PW. Checks and cash may be sent to Nancy Williams (treas.) at 1802 E, 3<sup>d</sup> St. Miller, SD 57362.*

## GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

## DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all creatures, here below,  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Prayer list:** Phil Crackel, Zane Wulf, Wanda Schumach, Steve Stewart, Gerald Zerfoss, June VanZee, Saylr Moncur, Kelsey Hunter, Shaylee Anderberg, Jim Bievers, Jackie Campbell, Jim Coyle, Stavan Starks, John Goehring, Vi Moncur, Brenda Munson, Steve Ellsworth, Desirae VanZee, the family and friends of Pete Lizer

**Household Prayer for Morning:** Merciful God, this day is full of your possibilities for healing and reconciliation, for new beginnings and restored relationships. Unite my heart with your will so that your abundant anointing will flow through me. Send me now with your promised blessings to preserve the lives of those in need. Amen.

**Household Prayer for Evening:** God of the night watches, guard me from torment, release me from distress. Call me close to you and kiss me with your favor so that I may rest secure in you. Amen.

**Offering for Aug. 9:** \$2495.00

**Year to Date:** \$80,528.09

**Total Expenses for the Year:** \$91,141.72