

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Miller, South Dakota

February 21, 2021

Pastor: Brian Jones

Organist: Janice Palmer

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: People of the covenant: God does not remember us according to our sins and transgressions.

ALL: God remembers us according to God's own steadfast love!

One: The God of our salvation teaches us right paths and leads us in truth.

ALL: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness; we put our trust in God.

MORNING PRAYER

***HYMN No. 403** "Tell Me the Old, Old Story"

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** God of mercy, we begin this Lenten season in confession. We do not live according to your ways, but according to our own. We condone violence, participate in systems of injustice, and use power to our own advantage at the expense of others. Forgive us, we pray, when we are tempted to follow paths other than those you set before us. Teach us your commandments; help us to turn from evil in its many guises, and turn us toward your kingdom drawing near. In covenantal love, remember us, we pray, and be for us, once more and always, an ark of safety and new life. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF PARDON**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 25:1-10 (p. 4437 in pew Bible)

CHILDREN'S TIME

GOSPEL READING:

Mark 1:9-15 (p. 807 in pew Bible)

SERMON:

"It Is Always Darkest . . ."

PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN No. 320**

"I am Thine, O Lord"

Sunday school students are dismissed to the basement during hymn

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.

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21- FEBRUARY 27

Sun., Feb. 21: Worship Service at 10:00

Happy Birthday: Jody Speck

Happy Anniversary: Casey & Luella Schultz

Mon., Feb. 22: Happy Birthday: Arielle Miner & Luella Schultz

Sat., Feb. 27: Happy Birthday: Quinnley Miner

Greeters: Elders

Deacons for February: Angie Rosemore & Barb Lager

Attendance for last week Feb. 14: 49

Sunday School Attendance for last week: 20

FYI: 1. Our Church would like to get e-mail addresses of our members. If you could e-mail me at my address of secretarypresby@gmail.com

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. Thank you!

3. Due to shortened worship services, The Sunday School hour is from 10:45-11:45.

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:

Zane Wulf, June VanZee, Jim Bevers, Stavan Starks, Marshall Dearing, Joan Bertsch, Jill Nelson, Kayleen Fulton, Marcie Lander, Norma DeHaven, Scott Teason, Charlene Beckett, Brian Fiala, Mara Hanson, Vi Moncur, the Weaver triplets, Shirley Peterman, Dorothy Sargent, Tammy Aalbers, Karen Tice, Lois Hargens, Greg Brown

Household Prayer for Morning: God of ancient covenants, your steadfast love and faithfulness are still new every morning. I thank you that I can begin this day in the confidence of your abiding love and unending mercy. Help me to treat others—family, friends, coworkers, classmates, and even strangers—with love and mercy in our encounters today. When I disappoint or am discordant, help me to show love to others. Open my eyes to the places, people, and circumstances in which your kingdom has come near. I pray in the name of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, my Savior. Amen.

Household Prayer for Evening: God of peace, as the day draws to a close and the evening draws in around me, I think of the creatures of the earth that also seek rest in the hours of the night. You love them even as you love me, and your covenant faithfulness covers all of us. So, with the birds of the air, the beasts of the field, and the tiny ones who burrow in the ground, I offer you all thanks and praise: for your unending goodness; for the beauty of our home, the earth; for your gift of life instead of a deserved destruction. As your colorful bow now rests in the clouds, so may we color the earth with the ways of peace until all creation rests with you in completeness. In Christ's name I pray. Amen.

Offering for Feb. 14:	\$ 3,909.00
Offering to Date:	\$ 34,473.68
Total Expenses for 2021:	\$ 34,602.23