

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Miller, South Dakota

December 13, 2020

Third Sunday of Advent

Pastor: Brian Jones

Organist: Janice Palmer

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: The Promised One of God brings good news to the oppressed and binds up the brokenhearted.

ALL: We are witnesses to the light of Christ!

One: The Promised One of God proclaims liberty to captives and release to prisoners.

ALL: We are witnesses to the light of Christ!

One: The Promised One of God comforts all who mourn and gives a mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit

ALL: Rejoicing always, praying without ceasing, holding fast to what is good, we are witnesses to the light of Christ!

MORNING PRAYER

***HYMN No. 152** "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** Merciful God, you love justice; why, then, do we persist in wrongdoing and every form of evil? You have given us the gift of your Spirit; why, then, do we quench the Spirit among us? You have given us the words of the prophets and the Word himself; why, then, do we despise and ignore what we have heard from you? You have sent the light into the world; why, then, have we loved darkness rather than light? Forgive us. Restore us. Till and tend us as your garden until righteousness and praise spring up, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF PARDON**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

Ben Wangsness and Jayce Pugh

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 126 (p.500 in pew Bible)

CHILDREN'S TIME

GOSPEL READING: John 1:6-8, 19-28 (p. 858 in pew Bible)

SERMON: "Bearing Witness"

PASTORAL PRAYER

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Sophia Grace, daughter of Andrea and Bertin Flores

Sponsors: Ramiro and Arisbet Flores

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN** (see insert) "People Look East"

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 DECEMBER 13- DECEMBER 19

Sun., Dec. 13: Worship Service at 10:00

Mon., Dec. 14: Happy Birthday: Hannah Caffee

Tues., Dec. 15: Happy Birthday: Grace Hofer & Bernie Rombough

Wed., Dec. 16: Happy Birthday: Lance DeHaai, Brian Jones,
& Kynslee Muschitz

Greeters: Elders

Ushers for December: Elders

Deacons for December : Nancy Williams & Sue Jones

Attendance for last week Dec. 6: 81

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 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. 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, Shaylee Anderberg, Jim Bevers, Stavan Starks, Marshall Dearing, Arlene Matthews, Tiffany Huss, Joan Bertsch, Jill Nelson, Kayleen Fulton, Marcie Lander, Steve Ellsworth, Charlene Beckett, Scott Teason, Brian Seeman, and the family and friends of Joe Thiel

Household Prayer for Morning: Light of the world, you greet me this morning with new possibilities. Shine brightly, I pray, until I see into the dark places of this world, and into the dark places of my own life. I want to follow you in paths of justice, speak up with you for liberty, and bend with you toward the brokenhearted, even the broken places within myself. I trade in my faint spirit for your mantle of praise—and with my whole being I will rejoice in you. Amen.

Household Prayer for Evening: Restore me, O God, from the rush of the day. Let me dream this night of all the great things you have done. As the darkness comes and these little lights in my house glow, I give thanks for the greater Light no darkness can overcome. To anyone who mourns or sits in prison or fears danger this night, bring the peace that only you can give. You are faithful, and I know you will do this. In Christ. Amen.

Offering for Dec. 6: \$2,850.00
Sunday School Offering: \$12.00
Offering to Date: \$115,453.09
Total Expenses for 2020: \$127,138.68
