

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Miller, South Dakota

December 6, 2020

Second Sunday of Advent

Pastor: Brian Jones

Organist: Janice Palmer

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: A voice cries in the wilderness,

**ALL: “Prepare the way of the Lord; make God’s way clear.
Lift up every valley; lower every mountain. For the
glory of the Lord shall be revealed.”**

MORNING PRAYER

***HYMN No. 147** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** Faithful God, we confess that we have not led lives of holiness. We suffer from impatience, apathy, and greed; we have not been at peace. We repent of these offenses and turn to you in love. Forgive our iniquity and pardon our sins, so that we may walk in righteousness to the glory of your name. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF PARDON**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

Eric Speck and Oliver Fritzsche

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 85 (p.477 in pew Bible)

CHILDREN’S TIME

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 40:1-11 (p. 577 in pew Bible)

GOSPEL READING: Mark 1:1-8 (p. 807 in pew Bible)

SERMON: “Troubled Times”

PASTORAL PRAYER

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

See insert for Great Thanksgiving

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN (see insert)** “Oh Lord, How Shall I Meet You?”

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 6- DECEMBER 12

Sun., Dec. 6: Worship Service at 10:00

Happy Birthday: Kelly Johnson

Mon., Dec. 7: Happy Birthday: James Waldrop

Tues., Dec. 8: Happy Birthday: Eric Speck & Serenity Johnson

Thurs., Dec. 10.: Happy Birthday: Ray Caffee

Greeters: Elders

Ushers for December: Elders

Deacons for December : Nancy Williams & Sue Jones

Attendance for last week Nov. 22: 68

Sunday School Attendance for last week: 29

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, and the family and friends of Carson Miner.

Household Prayer for Morning: Lord, how I love this season of new beginnings, the opportunity to turn toward you and start again. Empower me to be a messenger of good news, and a leveling influence along the way, as I seek to be one with you in smoothing out the rough places I encounter. Amen.

Household Prayer for Evening: Lord, you have comforted me throughout this day and rescued me from my exile. Where I have flourished, I give you thanks; where I have erred, I ask your forgiveness. Protect me through the night so that I may rest in your realm of peace where righteousness makes a home. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR ADVENT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy
to give you thanks and praise,
O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe.

You formed us in your image
and breathed into us the breath of life.
You set us in this world to love and serve you, and to live in
peace with all that you have made. When we turned from
you, you did not turn from us.

When we were captives in slavery, you delivered us to
freedom, and made a covenant to be our sovereign God.
When we were stubborn and stiff-necked, you spoke to us
through prophets who looked for that day when justice shall
triumph and peace shall reign over all the earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the celestial
choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who
forever sing your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven
and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

You are holy, O God of majesty,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. You sent him
into this world
to satisfy the longings of your people for a Savior, to bring
freedom to the captives of sin, and to establish justice for the
oppressed.

He came among us as one of us, taking the lot of the poor,
sharing human suffering. We rejoice that in his death and
rising again, you set before us the sure promise of new life, the
certain hope of a heavenly home where we will sit at table with
Christ our host.

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from
your creation this bread and this cup and joyfully celebrate his
dying and rising,
as we await the day of his coming. With thanksgiving we offer
our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice,
dedicated to your service.

According to his commandment:
**We remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of the bread and the cup, so that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, so that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

Strengthen us, O God, in the power of your Spirit to bring good news to the poor and lift blind eyes to sight, to loose the chains that bind and claim your blessing for all people. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory, and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours,
almighty God,

now and forever. We make our prayer this day, as always, in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught his disciples that prayer which we now bring before you in prayer: **Our Father . . .**

We will have our election of officers at a congregational meeting immediately following worship today. The nominating committee has nominated Julie Taylor as deacon, Theresa Eschenbaum and Dawn Haar for the memorial committee, and Travis Anderberg and Peggy Meyer for the nominating committee. Nominations from the floor may be made. If you intend to make such a nomination, please make certain the person nominated understands the duties of the office and has agreed to serve.

Offering for Nov. 29: \$1400.00

Sunday School Offering: \$5.00

Offering to Date: \$112,603.09

Total Expenses for 2020: \$126,291.44