



First United Methodist Church  
610 E 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Miller, SD 57362



Pastor Teresa Whetsel                      Collin Otteson, Organist  
Epiphany Sunday                              January 3, 2021

*God of the Ages, I offer you my heart,  
anew with this new year.  
Help me love you and my neighbors all year long,  
one day at a time.*

Welcome & Announcements

\*Centering Song:                              "Honor and Praise"

Responsive Reading:                      Canticle of Praise for Epiphany  
By David Beswick

Opening Prayer:  
Eternal God, by the birth of Jesus Christ you gave yourself to the world. Grant that, being born in our hearts, he may save us from all our sins, and restore within us the image and likeness of our Creator, to whom be everlasting praise and glory, world without end. Amen.

Offering

\*Doxology

Offertory Prayer:  
Living God, your radiance shines in the beauty of creation. In Christ your Son, you have given the world eternal light that burns brightly in the midst of darkness. Like the magi, when you draw us near, we are overwhelmed with joy! Lead us by your Spirit to share your warmth and grace with our neighbors. Let our lives in this new year be an offering. We pray through Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Hymn:    "The First Noel"

Scripture Reading:                              Luke 2:21-38  
Matthew 2:1-23

Message    Epiphany – Falling to our Knees

Special Music                                      Christmas Medley  
Worldwide UMC Virtual Choir

Holy Communion

Joys/Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer  
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

\*Closing Hymn                                      "We Three Kings"

\*Benediction

In these days of “social distancing” we need to be intentional in our care for one another. Remember to pray for each other. Also phone calls and greeting cards can mean so much for those who are shut in.



**Prayer List:**

Ida Moser – LaVerta Palmer (Huron) / Virginia Burgher -  
Dorothy Fawcett - Violet Moncur - Don & Eleanor Steptoe  
(MGSC) /Helen Dalton (TX)

**Others:** Merle Bertsch - Norma Carr –Steve Danburg  
Rita & Aaron Ellsworth –Steve Ellsworth - Arlette Heitzman -  
Terri Henson - Del & Doris Jury – Jim Keeter, Sr.  
Gene & Ila Norton – Rick Norton – Lloyd Schwartz  
Doug Testerman –Del VanZee

**PLEASE** contact the church or the Pastor to add or remove names from prayer list or to request a call from Pastor Teresa.

At this time of increased Covid-19 cases in our community, please keep our community, our state, and our nation in your prayers. Let these prayers be for the safety and well-being of others. May we pray today, and always, that in all things, at all time, in all places, God’s will, not ours be done.

**Happy New Year!**  
**Welcome to worship, one and all.**



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