



First United Methodist Church
610 E 4th Avenue
Miller, SD 57362



Pastor Teresa Whetsel Collin Otteson, Organist
Baptism of the Lord Sunday January 10, 2021

*God, thank you for the gift of baptism,
when you claim us, as you claimed Jesus, as your beloved.*

Welcome & Announcements

*Praise Song: "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

*Call to Worship:

L: Come, come into the presence of the Lord today!

P: We come, with all the joys and sorrows, all our hopes, dreams, and cares.

L: You have been fashioned by God's love. You are called across the waters of creation to be a blessing.

P: We have been called to be people of hope and light.

L: You have been offered nourishment and cleansing by creations waters

P: Help us to receive again the blessing of adoption by God.

All: AMEN

*Opening Prayer:

Most wonderful God, foolish and flawed though we are, we too delight in your beloved Son. As in his name we gather in the house of many praises, may the heavens be opened for us, that we may catch a glimpse of that Light and Love that transforms our common days with a beauty not of our making. Through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen!

Psalm Reading: Psalm 29

Offering

*Doxology

Offertory Prayer:

God of redemption and new life, we focus once more this day on the greatest gift ever given – Jesus, our Savior. As he was baptized by John in the Jordan, we were able to share in his baptism and receive the promise of sharing in Jesus' resurrection. As we leave a painful year behind and look with hope to the new year ahead, help us to live and give of ourselves as those who know every day what a great gift we have been given. May it move us to give our whole selves more freely! In the name of Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, we pray! Amen.

Hymn: "When Jesus Came to Jordan"

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:4-11

Message Tearing Apart the Heavens

Baptismal Remembrance

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 "Spirit Song"

*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

Prayers for the family of Cheryl Becker Pease

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.

“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth”: sky, waters, ground; sun, moon, stars; plants, animals, people. Then God rested. So, welcome to this time for rest and worship.



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