



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



Pastor Teresa Whetsel
3rd Sunday of Advent
Collin Otteson, Organist
December 13, 2020

God, I pray for all who are lonely in this season, or exhausted, or grieving. Give them the courage of Mary as you fill them with the Holy Spirit.

Welcome & Announcements

Centering Song: "Jesus, Name Above All Names"

Responsive Reading: "Canticle of Mary"
(with sung response)

Opening Prayer:

Who is like you, God Most High, drawing near to those who are low and in need to raise them up? We thank you that you have not left us alone, but that in your Son Jesus you came to be with us, as one of us. May we sense you near us even now, through your Spirit. May we take heart in our darkest and most fearful times, trusting that you abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel. Any by your grace, may others know through what we do that God is with them. Amen.

Advent Candle Lighting

Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" vs 3

Offering

Doxology

Offertory Prayer:

Gracious God, we lift our voices to glorify you! You sent your Son Jesus to lead us in wisdom and mercy. His kindness to the poor and meek reveals the harmony of your heavenly kingdom. Help our church's ministries to demonstrate your love for the world. We dedicate our tithes and offerings to bless people in our community who are searching for Christ's abiding peace. We ask this through your Son who is Emmanuel, God with us. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 1:1-3
Matthew 1:20b-23

Message Emmanuel in the Midst of a Pandemic

Special Music Joe Fiala

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: "Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

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:

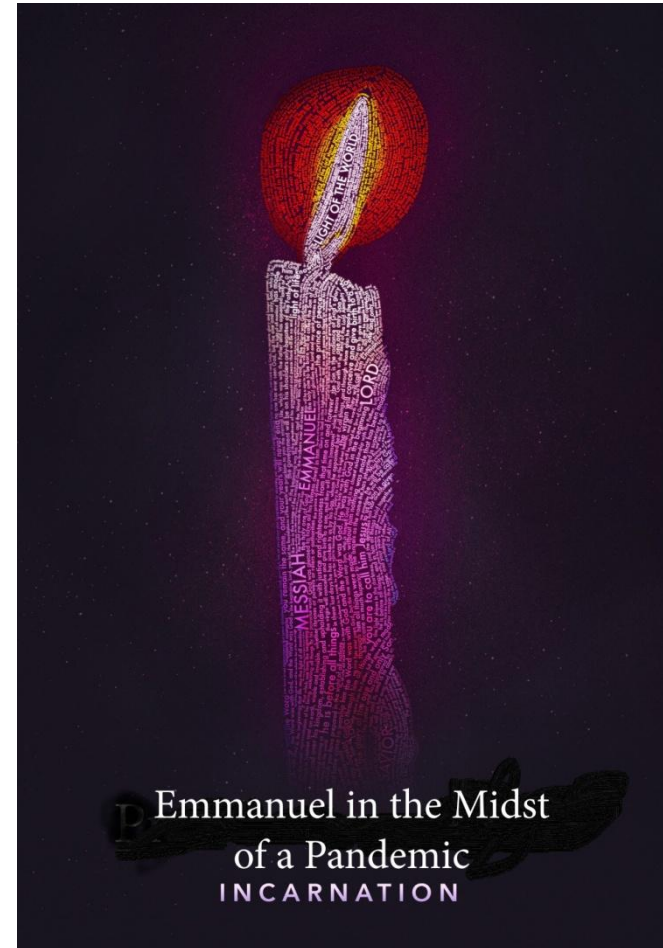
Ida Moser – LaVerta Palmer (Huron) / Virginia Burgher -
Dorothy Fawcett - Violet Moncur Don & Eleanor Steptoe
(MGSC) /Helen Dalton (TX)

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.

**Welcome, family of Christ!
Each person adds to our worship.
Thank you for worshipping with us.**



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