



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



Pastor Teresa Whetsel
4th Sunday of Advent

Collin Otteson, Organist
December 20, 2020

*As John the Baptist bore witness to you,
Jesus, may my actions and words proclaim that
you are the Light of the world.*

Welcome & Announcements

Centering Song: "Jesus, Name Above All Names"

Responsive Reading: "Canticle of Light & Darkness"
(with sung response #2)

Opening Prayer:
Creator God, in the beginning you called light from darkness, and you have made your light to shine in our hearts by displaying your glory in the person of Jesus Christ. We call him by many names, but they all point to your presence, power, and love. May we shine with your light not only at Christmas but at all times, in all our words and deeds. As Jesus took on human flesh so long ago, may we your followers incarnate your love for others, so that all might give glory to our Father in heaven. Amen.

Advent Candle Lighting:

Hymn: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" vs 4

Offering

Doxology

Offertory Prayer:
Everlasting Father, thank you that you are the light of the world, guiding our steps on your path. Your word says that the earth is yours, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to you. We recognize everything we have belongs to you. We acknowledge that our very lives belong to you. We now offer back to you a portion of what you have given us. May God the Father prepare our journey, Jesus the Son guide our footsteps and the Holy Spirit watch over us, on every path that we follow. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Scripture Reading: John 1:1-5, 8:12

Message: The Light of the World

Special Music: Brielee Conkey

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: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

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:

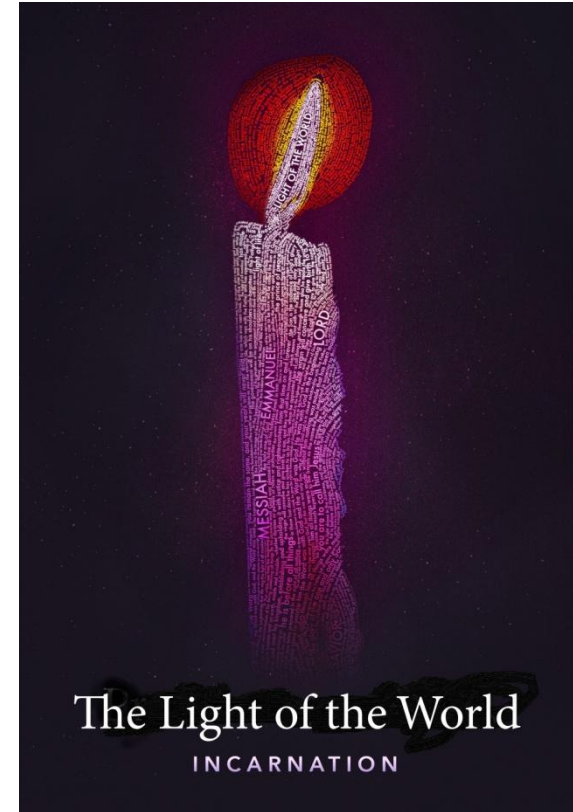
Ida Moser – LaVerta Palmer -(Huron) / Virginia Burgher - Dorothy Fawcett - Violet Moncur – Don & Eleanor Steptoe (MGSC) /Helen Dalton (TX)

Others: Merle Bertsch- Norma Carr –Steve Danburg- Rita & Aaron Ellsworth –Steve Ellsworth - Arlette Heitzman Terri Henson – Marsha Howard - 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.

**With Mary we sing:
“My soul glorifies the Lord
and my spirit rejoices in
God my Savior”.
Welcome to worship.**



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