

December 2022

Our JOYFUL Noise

The Monthly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church of Britton SD
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PULPIT SUPPLY:

Sunday, December 4th – Lance Griese
Sunday, December 11th – Lance Griese
Sunday, December 18th – Lance Griese
Saturday, December 24th – Lance Griese
Sunday, December 25th – No Church



With the Thanksgiving Season now behind us, we move on to the Holy Season of Christmas. Let us continue to be thankful for all our many blessings as we share the gifts of Christmas and the joy that is ours in the gift of the Holy Child who became the Man who saved us and we worship today. Blessed Holiday Season to all,

Jane



SESSION NOTES:

**Session met on Tuesday,
November 15th, at 7:00 P.M.,
with the following summary:**

1. Plans are to decorate the church for Christmas after Thanksgiving.
2. Congregational meeting will be Sunday, December 4 following worship for the purpose of presenting the budget and elect officers followed by a potluck dinner.
3. Approved the 2023 budget.
4. Someone is needed to move snow at the church.
5. Per capita for 2023 is \$38.00.
6. Session will meet again December 20, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Lynn



*Advent: the time to listen for
footsteps – you can't hear
footsteps when you're running
yourself. —Bill McKibben*

Have you ever made a phone call to the hospital or clinic, or perhaps a large retailer, and heard the following recorded message? “This call may be monitored or recorded for quality assurance or training purposes.” The voice is not asking for your consent. It is just stating a fact that puts you on notice. Maybe the warning helps some customers be polite; perhaps it protects the business from false claims. Maybe both. When I read the Bible, however, sometimes I sense that I am the one listening in on a conversation! I hear voices in distress, heated arguments, calls for help and strident questions. I also hear the voices of holy men and women offering encouragement and warning. I hear, too, the voice of God thundering in earthquakes, mountains that shake, wind that roars and prophets who speak. What interesting tales I hear. Since God walked into the garden seeking conversation with Adam and Eve, God has always enjoyed chatting and interacting with creation. God seems to yearn for conversation. What better proof than that God visited the world in human form, beginning life as a baby in a manger!

The birth of this baby was foretold in prophetic conversations, including today's reading from Isaiah 11. What does this passage say about this child?

The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth.
—Isaiah 11:2-4

This is a great conversation to monitor! God is at work comforting those who are in distress. Listen as God offers wisdom, knowledge, justice and righteousness to the poor and the meek. Listen as God speaks! During Advent, we realize that God is still speaking! —Timothy Merrill



Prayer: Ever speaking God, thank you for conversing with us, your humble and lowly creation. Thank you for listening to our cries for help. Thank you for sending the Christ of the Cradle, the spirit of wisdom and knowledge, to guide us in the paths of righteousness. Amen.



Team #3 will serve fellowship in December



Youth Group for 7th-12th graders
meets only the first three Wednesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. The third week of the month is a night of activity throughout the community.

In November, they helped at the Food Pantry packing boxes.



Sunday School is in session every Sunday.
Sunday School times have changed this year. Children can leave the sanctuary at approximately 10:30 and be out by 11:15.

The Christmas Sunday School Program will be Sunday, December 18th, during worship service.



**A New Selection of Greeting Cards
is available in the office. All cards
are now \$6.00/box.**



Sunday, November 6th, was 'Red & White' Day here at First Presbyterian where members wore the school colors in support of BHHS.



Please pray for: Pray for Leah Luitjens, Sharon Johnson, George Kann, Cindy Underberg, Jeannine Jarrett, Deb Mack, Alan Grupe, and others in our church and community who continue dealing with cancer. Pray for those dealing with Covid and other health concerns; and those who have lost loved ones. Please pray for the people of war-torn Ukraine.



**Lenyx Jones and Emersyn Eimers
receiving their 'third grade' bibles
donated by Don & Sharon Tisher.**

God Bless My Senior Moments

Lord, I felt like cashing in the day with a click of the delete key on my computer keyboard. I lost my credit card, received a parking ticket, and forgot my daughter's birthday. I'm going to call it a night. Dear Father in heaven, give me a peaceful rest. I'll see you in the morning.

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2022 Giving Update

Collections As Of: 11/23/22: 93,735.92
(1 year ago to date = 110,254.00)



PWC will meet Sunday, December 4th, on the stage in the basement, following worship service.

The Hope Circle Christmas social will be Thursday, December 8th, at Noon.



Don't forget the Church's Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 4th, followed by a Potluck Dinner!!!!



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held Saturday, December 24th, at 7:00 P.M. There will be **no worship service on Sunday, December 25th, Christmas Day**



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