

JANUARY 2025

Our JOYFUL Noise

The Monthly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church of Britton SD
Church Office: 605 448 2460; Secretary's cell: 605 470 0578



PULPIT SUPPLY FOR JANUARY:

Sunday, Jan 5th – Lance Giese
Sunday, Jan 12th – Lance Giese
Sunday, Jan 19th – Lance Giese
Sunday, Jan 26th – Rosemary H



Welcome to the New Year! Let's all make a fresh start! With the political scene somewhat behind us, and the hectic holidays over until next year, maybe January can be a time of rest and refreshment for some of us. But in your plans for the month, be sure to include the **Church's Annual Meeting which will be held on Sunday, January 26th, following worship.** Please make plans to be there.

Blessings, Jane.



Session Notes:

The Session met on Tuesday, December 17th, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. with the following summary of the meeting:

- Sunday School will begin again on January 5, 2025. We are still looking for one more teacher to rotate Sundays.
- Annual Congregational Meeting will be January 26, 2025.
- Ordination and Installation of officers will be February 9, 2025.
- 2025 Communion dates will be: February 16, April 17 (Maundy Thursday), July 13, October 5 and December 24.

--Jill Beaner

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7

But now, this is what the Lord says--he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba in your stead. Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you, I will give men in exchange for you, and people in exchange for your life. Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west. I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' and to the south, 'Do not hold them back.' Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

The beauty of needing help is that it presents an opportunity for someone else to make a difference in your life. —Unknown

Louise Penny is a Canadian author of mystery novels set in the province of Quebec. The detective



and hero of many of her novels is the francophone Chief Inspector Armand Gamache of the Sûreté du Québec. Of him, Penny writes, "Gamache had always held unfashionable beliefs. He believed the light would banish the shadows. That kindness was more powerful than cruelty, and that goodness existed, even in the most desperate places. He believed that evil had its limits." In many of her books, the fictional Gamache tells new detectives joining his team that there are four, three-word expressions which one should get used to saying, because if we get comfortable saying them, life will go a whole lot easier for us. They are:

- "I was wrong."
- "I'm sorry."
- "I don't know."
- "I need help."

Being wrong. We're not perfect. We are going to get our facts confused. We're occasionally going to do the wrong thing. And so on. How much easier is it to simply acknowledge the error of our ways, rather than doggedly defend our foolishness?

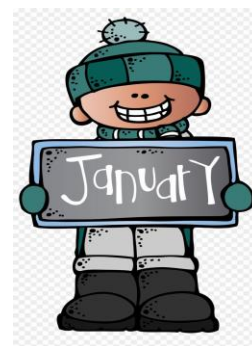
Being sorry. It doesn't hurt to apologize. A good, heartfelt "I'm sorry" can cover a multitude of sins.

Being ignorant. We can't know everything, can we? Why be so proud as to suggest that we do? When we have no light to shed on a subject, why not keep our mouths shut, or defer to someone who has light to shed?

Being helpless. Everyone at some point in their life needs help. We were born helpless and required the guidance of others for the first 20 years of our lives, and we're likely to require help for the last 20 years. Why not recognize it, and get on with it?

In today's Bible reading, there's a great promise to remember when we're feeling helpless: "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through the fire you shall not be burned" (Isaiah 43:2).
—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: O God, help me to humbly recognize my limitations. In Jesus' name. Amen.





Our Presbyterian Youth Group meets the first and second Wednesday of every month, at 6:30 P.M.



Sunday School is held every Sunday morning at 10:15. The children will be excused from the worship service, and meet until they are finished in time to gather for fellowship with their families. We are still looking for one more teacher to fill out the schedule.

Sunday School will resume on JANUARY 5TH!



The Children's Christmas program was held on Sunday, December 5th during worship. Some of them are pictured below:

Jace Paulson, Emersyn Eimers, Emsley Eimers, Merit Jones, Katie Kraft, Kandrick Jones and Lenyx Jones.





*Group #3 will be serving
coffee and treats in
January.*



You have all received letters
explaining the projected roofing
issues. Donations will be greatly
appreciated.



In our thoughts & prayers: Please
pray for Vicki Beck, Jeani Amacher,
Cindy Underberg, and others
dealing with cancer; for Allen
Seibel recovering from back
surgery; For Deanna and Lyle
Jahnig, Dave Dinger, John Eimers
and others dealing with serious
health concerns; those dealing with
the loss of loved ones; and all
people around the world dealing
with devastation.



First Presbyterian Church
804 5th Street, Box 127, Phone: 605 448 2460
fpcbritton.com