

December 2025

Our JOYFUL Noise

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

Sunday, Dec 7th – Lance Griese
Sunday, Dec 14th – Lance Griese
Sunday, Dec 21st – Lance Griese
Christmas Eve 5:00 – Lance Griese
Sunday, Dec 28th – Rosemary H.



Dear friends in Christ,

As the season of Advent comes upon us, and Christmas Day draws nearer, many of us experience mixed emotions. Of course, we feel excitement, joy and anticipation! Our spirits soar at the sound of carols, and our eyes brighten as we take in the festive decorations. We love Christmas because it's a season of hope, love, joy and peace. Yet, at the same time, we may feel a bit anxious or overwhelmed by all we still need to do. Take the much-needed time to slow down, relax, and feel the true meaning of the Holiday. Spend time with loved ones, and share the joy with others. Have a blessed Holy-day Season!

Jane



Session Notes:

The Session met on Tuesday, November 18th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. with the following summary of the meeting:

- Hearing devices are available for anyone that may need them during church services.
- Diaper ministry has helped 27 families as of last disbursement date.
- Advent begins Sunday, November 30. Christmas decorating will take place after church service.
- Congregational meeting will be held December 7 after church service.
- Sunday school Christmas Program will be December 14.
- Care center services at Wheatcrest Hills and Spruce Court on December 21.
- Christmas Eve Service on December 24 at 5 pm.

--Jill Beaner



Diaper Ministry continues. Contact Heidi Eimers at 605.216.6065. We continue to need volunteers for upcoming Saturday mornings. Please sign up in the fellowship room.



Scripture Reading:
Matthew 1:18-25
Christmas is love in action. — Dale Evans

On December 21st, we will light the fourth candle of Advent — the Candle of Love. And with it, we arrive at the threshold of Christmas. The manger is almost in view — but not quite. Hope, peace and joy have already taken their places around the circle. But love? Love is the pulse behind the promise. Love is the reason behind the waiting. Love is the manger made ready. Because if Christmas tells us anything, it is this: God's love is not abstract — it's incarnate. Not a concept, not a theory, not a line from a card. But a child, wrapped in cloth, placed in straw, breathing our air. God with us. God for us. God in the flesh. Here's the thing about Christmas: love is closer than we think.

Sometimes we imagine God's love as far off — a distant mercy we hope to earn. But Advent insists: Love is drawing near. "Herein is love," John writes, "not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son ..." (1 John 4:10). You could say that love is the heartbeat of Christmas. Love came down — not because we had it all together, but because we didn't. Love arrived — not with trumpets and triumph, but with crying and weakness and straw. So how might we respond? Let's remember that

Advent has been a season of preparation. Hope asked us to trust the promise. Peace called us to quiet the noise. Joy taught us to sing in the dark. And now Love invites us to open the door. What would it mean, this week, to make space in your life for Love to dwell? Is there someone who needs your forgiveness? A neighbor or roommate who needs your attention? A moment you can redeem with presence instead of presents? To welcome Christ at Christmas is not only to remember his birth; it is to embody his love. Love never grows stale. Love, when born in us, makes all things new. Christmas is coming!

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: God of Love, as we light the fourth candle, fill our hearts with your deep, daring, divine love. Let it cast out fear. Let it find flesh in our words, our choices, our care. Come, Lord Jesus. Dwell among us again.

Amen.



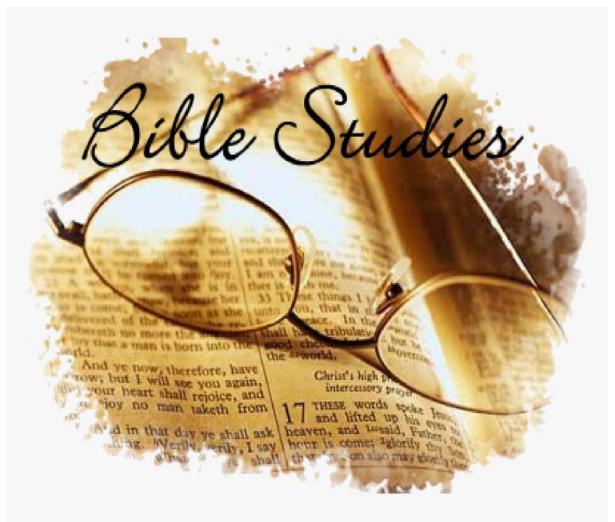


Our Youth Group meets the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month at 6:30 PM. Cornerstone Church is going to host youth group on the Wednesdays that the Presbyterian Church does not.



*Group #4 will be serving
coffee and treats in
December.*

*Care services at the Manor
will be Sunday,
December 21st.*



*Men's and Women's Bible Studies
are held on Mondays,
at 7:00 P.M.*

New Choir Members Welcome!

Church Choir members are always welcome. Practices are usually held on Sunday mornings prior to worship. If interested, contact Peggy Davidson.



The PW Sewing Ladies have made approximately 105 pairs of mittens this fall which will be given to the Britton and Langford schools plus giving some to Lynn Lawson to take to an Indian school west river.



The Ladies' PW Holiday Luncheon will be held at Snappers Dry Bean on Main Street this year, catered by Anita. Lunch will be served at noon, on Thursday, December 4th.

2025 UPCOMING EVENTS

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 7 Congregational Meeting

December 14 Children's Program

December 24 Christmas Eve Service



In our thoughts & prayers: Please pray for those dealing with cancer; for those dealing with serious health concerns; for those dealing with the loss of loved ones; and all people around the world dealing with loss and devastation.



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