



Miller's Lutheran Church

December 27th, 2020

First Sunday in Christmas

PRELUDE

WELCOME

[ALL WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND]*

***ENTRANCE HYMN** *Joy to the World* **LBW 39**

*** DIALOG**

L: Holy is the Lord, the Almighty.

C: He was, he is, and he is to come.

L: He is worthy of glory and honor and power.

C: He created all things. By his will they came to be.

L: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain

C: Worth to take the scroll and break its seals.

L: By his blood he purchased for God

C: People of every race and tongue, of every folk and nation.

L: Christ made of them a kingdom

C: And priests to serve our God.

L: And they shall reign on earth forever.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

*** GREETING**

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God sent from heaven above, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

• **OPENING PRAYER**

- L: Let us pray. Gracious God of heaven and earth, you have thrown a lifeline to us in our darkness—a beam of light that shines through Jesus. Though born in a manger, he is the Firstborn of all creation. Though crucified on a cross, he is the Lord of life. Fill us with the wonder and joy of his presence in the world and in our hearts.

LESSONS AND CAROLS

(Sing only the **first** and **last** verses of each hymn)

First READING Micah 5:2-5a

Hymn *O Little Town of Bethlehem*..... **LBW 41**

SECOND READING Luke 1:26-35, 38

Hymn *What Child Is This*..... **LBW 40**

SOLO *Sweet Little Jesus Boy*

Third READING Luke 2:8-20

Hymn *Angels from the Realms of Glory* **LBW 50**

Fourth READING Matthew 2:1-11

Hymn *It Came upon the Midnight Clear*..... **LBW 54**

Fifth READING John 1:1-14

Hymn *The First Noel* **LBW 56**

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L: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

HYMN..... *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*..... **LBW 60**

* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature and be born of the Virgin Mary. Grant that we, having been redeemed and made your children by grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYERLBW PAGE 76

***RECESSIONAL HYMN** *Angels We Have Heard ...* **LBW 71**

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, share the Good News!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

READERS:

Mandy Sigmon and Jan Miller



If you ordered a poinsettia please take it with you today.

Reminder – please **sign the attendance sheet** located at the end of each pew. This helps give us an accurate count. Tear sheet out and place on top of binder. Thanks.

Ushers - Please be sure to LOCK all external doors before you leave after the services. All members please check to make sure exit doors are locked if you are the last one leaving a meeting or event.

Holiday Notes & Reminders:

12/31/2020 Church Office Closed

01/01/2021 Church Office Closed

Pastor Todd and his family will be on vacation through January 2, 2021, and will return to the office on January 3, 2021.

PASTOR		Rev. Todd Cook
	Phone:	(828) 324-8847
COUNCIL PRESIDENT		Doug Yoder
	Cell phone:	(828) 320-6845
ORGANIST / CHOIR DIRECTOR		Wayne Craig
ACCOMPANIST		Lynn Craig
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS		Deidra Powell Evelyn Hefner

Church Office hours:	9:00 am - 1:00 pm	Mon - Fri
Pastor's Office hours:	10:00 am - 4:00 pm	M, W, Th,
	12:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Tue

THIS WEEK AT MILLER'S

No prayer videos this week, but the readings will be posted on the Miller's Facebook page.

SERVING THIS MONTH (DECEMBER)	
Altar Guild	Neil & Diane Sigmon
Sound Tech	Lori Wilcox
Usher Chair	Alvin Murphy
Usher Security	Alan Burgess

SERVING TODAY	
Worship Assistant	Doug Yoder
Acolyte	Breanna Murphy

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES are ready for pickup in the Narthex. If you can, please pick up the envelopes for your family members who aren't attending worship. Thank you!

ATTENDANCE FOR DECEMBER 20, 2020	
Worship	48

OFFERINGS FOR DECEMBER 20, 2020	
Total Deposit	\$3230.00
General Funds	\$2905.00
Other Funds	\$250.00
<i>Weekly needs to meet budgeted expenses</i>	<i>\$3,995.00</i>
Heating & Air Fund Contributions (Needed to Complete Parish Hall)	\$75.00 \$142,326.00

Memorials for Dorothy Gragg

Nancy Holmes	Neil & Diane Sigmon
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Memorial for Faye Bolick

Neil & Diane Sigmon

Memorial for Sarah Ann Bumgarner Isenhower

W. Stine Isenhower

Community Food Pantry

St. Stephens Lutheran Church, ELCA food pantry is in need of the following items- Cereal, instant oatmeal, instant grits, baked beans, pork and beans, corn, black beans, northern beans, can tomatoes, pinto beans, kidney beans, green beans, applesauce, fruit cocktail, peached, pears, pineapple, mandarin oranges, white rice, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti and sauce, dry black beans, dry pinto beans, canned chicken/tuna, Vienna sausages, beef stew, grape jelly, peanut butter, saltine crackers, soups and tortillas.

Remember to Pray For Our Members Away From Home

Frances Stone	Room 906 Trinity Village, 1265 21 st St. NE Hickory, NC 28601
Karen Teed	P O Box 208 Taylorsville, NC 28681

Remember to Pray For Our Friends and Neighbors

Faith Tucker	Friend of Mandi Sigmon
Jackson & Bennett Frunzi	Friend of Ann Sigmon
Brad Cook	Todd Cook's brother
Doris Dameron	Gloria Moore's sister
Tammy Yancy	Gloria Moore's niece
Roger Moore	John Moore's brother
Patrick DeMauro	Bob & Susan Pihl's Son-in-Law
Lisa Hawn	Carolyn Killian's Daughter-in-Law
Todd Propst	Jane Isenhour & Ann Sigmon's Cousin
Robert Burgess	Alan Burgess' Father
Todd Punch	Sarah Punch's son
Rex Phillips	Gloria Moore's Aunt
Jerry Barger	Friend of Ann Ward
Joe Christopher	Sue Hillier's Brother in Law
Donna Dedder	Jane Isenhour's tenant
Gray Livingstone	Son of Wendy Cook's friend
Lynn Moore	Friend of Wendy Crump
Leah Romine	Lori Wilcox's Mother-in-Law
Jerry Craig	Friends of Blake & Janice Jones
Sandra & Dennis Bollinger	Friends of Blake & Janice Jones
Anne & Bill Baker	Friends of Blake & Janice Jones
Belinda Guerrero	Wendy Cook's Mother
Rachel Propst	Lori Wilcox & Sharon Mull's Sister-in-Law

Remember to Pray For Our Members (At Home)

Bonnie Bell, Carol Berry, Paul Bolick, Leola Bowman,
Aslynn Bumgarner, Stewart Bumgarner, Lynn Craig,
Wayne Craig, Bob Hillier, Ken Hollar, Tim Hollar,
Nancy Holmes, Dot Killian, Doris Mosteller, LaRue Murphy,
Dolores Propst, Dale Sigmon, Neil Sigmon, Wayne Sipe
and Greyson Stephens

Remember to Pray For Our Members Of The Military

SP4 Colby Brotherton (ARMY), SSG Brandon Davis (ARMY),
SGT Jordon Tooman (USMC), Amn Owen Tooman (USAF),
SP4 Evan Short (ARMY)

Our church office will be **closed** on Thursday and Friday,
December 31st and January 1st for the New Year Holiday.
We wish all of our church family a joyous & Happy New Year!



Merry Christmas

The following people have signed the Congregational
Christmas Card, wishing you LOVE, JOY & PEACE at
Christmas and throughout the New Year 2021.

Linda B. Sigmon, Wendy & Tony Crump, Tony & Lori Wilcox,
Alan Burgess, Jane Isenhour, Alvin, LaRue, & Breanna
Murphy, Nancy & Larry Rogers, Tommy & Evelyn Hefner,
Dale & Ann Sigmon, John & Gloria Moore, Connie Fincannon,
Gene & Jan Miller, Don & Sherry Rhoney, Diane & Neil
Sigmon, Rick, Shelia, Matt & Brandon Davis, Della Gilbert,
Joan Shook, Betty Miller, Bob & Sandy Krogman,
Gary & Beth Hefner, Carolyn Killian, Kay & Elizabeth Willis,
Pr. Todd, Wendy, Ross & John Cook, Tim & Donna Hollar,
Doug & Teresa Yoder, Carol & Jim Crouch, Paula Harris &
Howard Abernethy.



We offer these prayers to help you center yourself in God's holy presence before, during, and after worship today. Use these prayers to prepare for the worship service, to prepare to hear the Scriptures and the message, and to reflect on the liturgy following the service. These and other prayers may be found in the green LBW (Lutheran Book of Worship) pages 42-51.

Prayer before worship

Almighty God, you pour out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and supplication. Deliver us, as we come into your presence, from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds and burning zeal we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Grace to receive the Word

Blessed Lord, you speak to us through the Holy Scriptures. Grant that we may hear, read, respect, learn, and make them our own in such a way that the enduring benefit and comfort of the Word will help us grasp and hold the blessed hope of everlasting life, given us through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Prayer after worship

Almighty God, grant that the words we have heard this day with our ears may be grafted onto our hearts through your grace, that they may produce in us the fruit of a good life, to the praise and honor of your name, through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord.