

“Doxology **United Methodist Hymnal #94**
“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Offertory Prayer

God of light and promise, we bring our gifts to further your work in a dark world. May they bring your light to those overwhelmed by darkness, pain, and loneliness. Accept these gifts of money and time, indeed, the gift of our very selves. Let them shine for all to see, and be brought into the sphere of your love and righteousness. AMEN

Closing Hymn **UMH#220**
“Angels From the Realms of Glory”

Benediction & Sending Forth

People who have been found, loved and forgiven, go into God's world bringing messages of peace, love and hope to all you meet. Be prepared for lives of service, helping others in all kinds of needs and situations. Go in peace. AMEN.

Postlude **Glen Haselbarth**



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Minden United Methodist Church

Order of Worship
December 26, 2021
1st Sunday after Christmas Day

Prelude **Glen Haselbarth**

Welcome and Announcements

1. Pastor Peter will pray for each family with blessings of prayer during worship on January 9th as we begin a new year. Please prepare your plans and prayer lists on paper.
2. Our church leaders for 2022 will be recognized and blessed during the worship on January 16. After the worship Pastor Peter will share our church plans and goals for 2022.
3. Education Team invites all parents with children under seventh grade to a meeting on January at 7:00pm. We want to hear what parents want and talk about our future.
4. We have no Bible study for the coming two weeks.
5. Youth meeting will be held on January 5th at 6:30p.m.
6. Last week we received offerings of \$2,462. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

Call to Worship

L: Praise the Lord, all the earth, from the highest heights to the deepest depths!

P: Let everything sing and shout praise to the Creator!

L: Praise the Lord, all the heavens and starry host!

P: All throughout the universe may praise to God abound!

L: Come, let us joyfully praise God!

P: Let us live our praise in deeds of loving-kindness. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

God, who walks with each one of us, helps us to place our trust in your guiding care for us as we gather to learn the great lessons of living in peaceful community with each other. Prepare us to be witnesses of your love and forgiveness. Make us ready to work for you in your creation; for we ask this in the name of Jesus, your beloved Son. AMEN.

Silent Prayer

Opening Hymn

UMH#236

“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”

Children’s Time

Scriptures

John 1:1-5 (NIV)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 1:9-14(NIV)

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

“Message Delivered!”

**by Rev. Dr. Ruben Saenz, JR, Bishop,
The Great Plains Conference**

Hymn

“The First Noel”

UMH#245

Joys and Concerns

Prayer List: Gary Smidt, Merlin Beahm, Fred Will, and Jan Hofferber-Kathi Schutz’s mother.

Happy Birthday to Emma Grube, Denny Lange, Ashtynn Putnam, Jodi Boudreau, and Joyce Will.

Happy Anniversary to Steve & Aleda Younkin—42 years.

Pastoral Prayer—Lord’s Prayer