

## Looking ahead...

December 17 - Children's Christmas program

December 24 - 10: 30 a.m. Regular worship service

December 24 - 4 p.m. family worship service *at Middle Creek*

December 24 - 10: 30 p.m. Candle light worship service

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Church phone number	815-335-2051
Pastoral Cell	815-742-7503
Attendance	91
Offerings	\$3070.00

### SHARING THE WORD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

*Every member a minister...*

Accompanist	Lorita Ooyen
Projectionist	Kaleigh Freimuth
Ushers	Norm Dean, Roger Christin, Chuck Rittmeyer
Greeters	Brett & Stephanie Freimuth
Acolytes	Isabelle Gray, Madyson Goike



*Bulletins today are sponsored by:  
Betsy Menge in memory of Clarence Menge*

First Presbyterian Church  
Winnebago, Illinois  
December 10, 2017  
10:30 a.m.

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Liturgical color is purple for the season of penitence and preparation

**PREPARING FOR THE WORD**

Prelude "The First Noel/Pachelbel's Canon" M. Clawson

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship: from Psalm 36 **Unison Reading**  
**Loving Creator, your love is unailing and your righteousness stands taller than the highest mountain. Your mercy is shown to all people and I am grateful that you shared your grace with me. This Sunday morning I worship you in spirit and truth for the glory of your Son, Jesus Christ my Savior, Amen.**

Lighting of the Advent Candle Avery Schaller, Katie Erb

\*Hymn "Advent Song" (v.2) insert

Prayer of Adoration and Confession: **The Lord's Prayer**

Assurance of Pardon: **Unison Prayer**  
**Gracious Savior, thank you for your mercy and forgiveness. Help us to have clarity concerning your holy presence and enable us to accept your forgiveness and pardon as your word has promised. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.**

**Announcements**

Our Church Website: <http://www.thewfpc.org>

All groups meet at the church unless otherwise specified.

**Adopt-A-Child** items are **DUE TODAY!**

**Pastor Carroll** is in the office on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning. His email is: [pastor1@thewfpc.org](mailto:pastor1@thewfpc.org)

**Ruth Circle** will meet on Tuesday at noon at Judy Mitchell's home for their Christmas potluck.

**Newsletter Deadline** Items for the newsletter are due by Wednesday.

**Chancel Choir** will meet on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at Michelle West's home.

**Youth Group** will meet today from 4-6 p.m. All junior high and highschool youth are invited. Join us and bring a friend!!!

**Workcampers** are selling \$10 Anna's Bucks again this year. Please see Jacob Smith, Logan Gray, or Barb Whitney. They make great stocking stuffers! Is God calling you to serve? We have one definite workcamp spot available for a camper. There are also limited additional spots. Please contact Barb Whitney 815-335-1048.

**Installation of new officers** will be during fellowship on January 7. This in part as we must wait for the new moderator.

**Goods Drive:** The Jr. High Sunday school class is sponsoring a canned goods and paper products (toilet paper, Kleenex) drive to support the Rockford Rescue Mission. Please drop off items by December 17<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for supporting our youth!

## Chancel Choir Members

### Soprano I

Lisa Mitchell, Joyce Hanson, Bev Williams

### Soprano II

Marilyn Larsen, Dixie Leden, Lisa Rittmeyer

### Alto

Sue Jansen, April Haeflinger, Vicki Marcum, Barb Whitney

### Tenor

Joni Benning, Rick Carr, Sue Gambrel,  
Janet Klinger, Christie Schweitz

### Bass

Jeff Fuller, Lynn Coots, Greg Keilback, Terry Schweitz

## Angel Choir Members

Madison Crutcher, Zephyr Crutcher, Tianna Mitchell  
Zack Newkirk, Hayden Thompson

## Cast (in order of appearance)

Narrator – Paul Haeflinger

Reader 1 – Judy Mitchell

Reader 2 – Julie Nichols

Reader 3 – Dave Nichols

Mary – Kasey Benson

Shepherd – Pastor Carroll

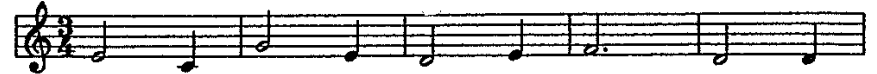
Wiseman – Norm Dean, Chuck Rittmeyer, Jim Mitchell

Director - Michelle West

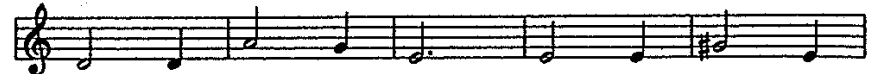
THE GRACE OF JESUS CHRIST

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## Advent Song (Light the Advent Candle)



1. Light the Ad - vent can - dle, one: Now the
2. Light the Ad - vent can - dle, two: Think of
3. Light the Ad - vent can - dle, three: Think of
4. Light the Ad - vent can - dle, four: Think of
5. Light the Christ - mas can - dles, now: Sing of

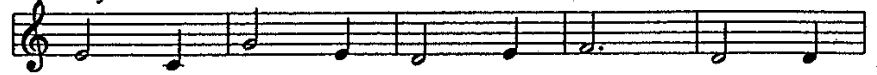


wait - ing has be - gun; we have start - ed  
hum - ble shep - herds, who filled with won - der  
heaven - ly har - mo - ny; an - gels sing - ing  
joy for - ev - er - more; Christ Child in a  
don - key, sheep, and cow; birth - day can - dles



on our way, time to think of Christ - mas day.  
at the sight of the child of Christ - mas night.  
"Peace on earth" at the bless - ed Sav - ior's birth.  
sta - ble born, gift of love that Christ - mas morn.  
for the King, let the al - le - lu - ias ring.

### *Refrain*



Can - dle, can - dle, burn - ing bright, shin - ing



in the cold win - ter night; can - dle, can - dle,



burn - ing bright, fill our hearts with Christ - mas light.

WORDS: Mary Lu Walker (Luke 2:1-20)

MUSIC: Mary Lu Walker

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ADVENT CANDLE SONG

77.77 with Refrain

\*Gloria Patri

#579

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

**Unison Prayer**

**Loving Savior, we appreciate the opportunity to share the joys and concerns in our daily living. Having this opportunity to share our blessings and uncertainties allows us to better understand that you want us to approach you with our joys and concerns. This re-affirms your word that you desire to give comfort and rest when we are struggling. We entrust these requests to you so that healing and grace can be manifested in all of our lives. In the name of the Lord we pray, Amen.**

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings

“Immanuel”

Michael Card

\*Doxology

#592

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Unison prayer**

**Heavenly Creator, we appreciate the opportunity to worship you with our gifts, offerings, and tithes. Open our eyes and hearts and grant us wisdom as we share your blessings and your grace through these donations. In this Advent season, inspire us to assist us others through our time, talents, and skills. In Christ name we pray, Amen.**

\*Hymn

“The First Nowell”

#56

Passing of the Peace

A Musical for Christmas

**“Do You Hear What I Hear?”**

By Mark Brymer and Susan Naylor Callaway

**“Do You Hear What I Hear?”**

I. Do You Hear What I Hear?

II. And the Prophets Spoke

III. ...And Mary Listened

Duet: Dixie Leden, Lisa Mitchell

IV. And They Heard from the Heavens

V. O Come, All Ye Faithful

VI. The Message Heard ‘Round the World

VII. Joy to the World

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*Hymn

“He Came Down”

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Benediction

**Unison Reading**

**On this wonderful Sunday morning, we have worshipped God in music and praised the Lord in singing. We have experienced the comfort of the Holy Spirit and have been blessed with our Savior’s glorious presence. Now, let us go as God’s witnesses and share the joy of living for Christ by offering to others kindness, gentleness, and compassion so that they may experience the music that the Lord has for their lives. Amen.**

Postlude

“Emmanuel”

Steve Angrisano

All music in our bulletin is protected under CCLI#1409680

*Angel ornaments in honor of...*

<i>Our Grandchildren (2)</i>	<i>Bev and Jim Barker</i>
<i>Kaylee Davis</i> <i>Sydney Davis</i>	<i>Norm Dean</i>
<i>Katie Erb</i> <i>Grace Erb</i> <i>Joe Erb</i>	<i>Aunt Mick</i>
<i>Willie Erb</i> <i>Winston Erb</i> <i>Lochlan Erb</i> <i>Ivy Erb</i>	<i>Aunt Mick</i>
<i>New Baby Kaufman</i> <i>Landon Kaufman</i>	<i>Great Grandpa and Grandma Gusloff</i>
<i>Our Grandchildren</i>	<i>Lynn and Sue Jansen</i>
<i>Family</i>	<i>Dixie Lancaster</i>
<i>Jason Luna</i>	<i>Mike and Sue Luna</i>
<i>Our wonderful family</i>	<i>Jim and Rita Mitchell</i>
<i>Our Children and Grandchildren</i>	<i>Jim and Polly Morrison</i>
<i>Jace and Jordyn Hale</i> <i>Isabella Nichols and Isaac Nichols</i>	<i>Dave and Julie Nichols</i>

*Sometimes angels are just ordinary people  
that help us believe in miracles again.*

*Anonymous*

*Angel ornaments in memory of...*

<i>Loved ones</i>	<i>Rick and Betsy Carr</i>
<i>Joanne Christin</i>	<i>Roger Christin</i>
<i>Kenny Hurd</i> <i>Dan and Mildred Hurd</i> <i>Carroll and Jeanette Coots</i> <i>Marilyn Whitmore</i> <i>Joseph Cuppini</i>	<i>Lynn and Judie Coots</i>
<i>Mike Mowen</i> <i>Mathew Cunningham</i>	<i>The Cunningham family</i>
<i>Melanie Dean</i>	<i>Norm Dean</i>
<i>Henry Erb</i> <i>Norma Erb</i> <i>Lee Kenneke</i>	<i>The Erb Family</i>
<i>Jake Fuller (3)</i>	<i>His family</i>
<i>Clark "Skip" Leden</i> <i>Mike Leden</i>	<i>Dixie Leden</i>
<i>Our parents and family</i> <i>Mary Kissack</i>	<i>Chuck and Avis Lind</i>
<i>Doug Mitchell</i> <i>Mike and Kyle Mitchell</i>	<i>Judy Mitchell</i>
<i>Our parents</i>	<i>Jim and Polly Morrison</i>
<i>Richard Pedrick</i>	<i>Marian Pedrick</i>
<i>Bob Reed</i>	<i>Faye Reed</i>
<i>Our daughter, Wendy</i> <i>Our son-in-law, Alan Schramm</i>	<i>Fritz and Gwen Vietmeier</i>
<i>Ron Warkentien</i>	<i>Norma Warkentien</i>

# Poinsettia's

## In memory of...

Loved Ones	Jim and Bev Barker
Brother, Steve Storz and Aunt Eunice Benning	Joni Benning
Loved Ones	Judie and Lynn Coots
Melanie Dean	Norm Dean
Loved Ones	The Gambrel's
Harry and Doris Pollard, Walter Pollard and Harriet (Pollard) Peacock	Marilyn Larsen
Loved Ones	Jim and Rita Mitchell
James Parrish	Elizabeth Parrish
Grandparents	Brent and Carrie Pollard
Parents, Fred and Ruth	Sheree Sensel
Papa Zell and Papa Weavel	The Weavel Family

## In honor of...

Family and Friends	Jason, Teresa, Ryan Ackerman
Kaylee and Sydney Davis	Norm Dean
Grandchildren	Dave and Kim Hassel
Loved Ones	Mathew and Stefanie Kluck
Grandchildren	Ralph and Deb Storey

*The shape of the poinsettia flower and leaves  
are sometimes thought as a symbol of the Star of Bethlehem  
which led the Wise Men to Jesus.  
The red colored leaves symbolize the blood of Christ.  
The white leaves represent his purity.*

JESUS CHRIST: BIRTH

## He Came Down

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He came down that we may have love; he  
came down that we may have love; he came down that we may  
have love; hal-le-lu-jah for-ev-er-more.

*Leader: Why did he come?*

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It features a melody in the treble clef and a bass line in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the notes. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above a bracket) in the melody: one over the notes G4, A4, B4; one over the notes G4, A4, B4; and one over the notes G4, A4, B4. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

### Additional stanzas:

... that we may have light  
... that we may have peace  
... that we may have joy

## Our Mission Statement

To be a community of believers that love and follow God,  
love and support others, and offer Jesus Christ to the world.

Our vision statement is posted in the lower hallway.