

First Presbyterian Church  
Winnebago, Illinois  
December 11, 2016  
10:30 a.m.

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## Announcements

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

All groups meet at the church unless otherwise specified.

**Fellowship today** Join us after the Cantata for fellowship sponsored by the Session.

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

**Choir** will meet on Wednesday at Michelle West's home.

**Ruth Circle** will meet on Tuesday at noon at July Mitchell's for a potluck lunch.

**Deacons** will meet this Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. *Note the change!*

**Newsletter deadline** All newsletter items are due by Wednesday.

**Children's program rehearsal** is this Saturday.

**Youth Group** will meet on December 18 at 6 p.m. for pizza and Christmas fun. Jr. High through college are welcome.

**Giving three ways** Items are due back next Sunday!

**No Sunday School** on December 25 or January 1.

**Anna's Bucks** are available, they are \$10 each, see Barb Whitney.

**Banquet tables** Session is selling 9 of our old banquet tables at \$25 each. If you are interested see Rick Carr.

Liturgical color is purple for the season of penitence and preparation

### PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude "What Child is This with Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"  
Mary McDonald

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship **Unison Reading**  
**Most Holy Creator, your love is unfailing 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 morning I worship you in spirit and truth for the glory of your Son, Jesus Christ my Savior, Amen.**

Lighting of the Advent Candle The Weavel Family

\*Hymn "Advent Song" (v.3) 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 as your word has promised. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri #579

Postlude "Proclaim the Joyful Message" James Marchionda

All music in our bulletin is protected under CCLI#1409680

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### Cantata Choir Member

#### Soprano I

Judie Coots, Bev Williams

#### Soprano II

Susan Gambrel, Marilyn Larsen,

Jan Mitchell, Lisa Rittmeyer

#### Alto

Joni Benning, Sue Jansen, April Haeflinger,

Dixie Leden, Vicki Marcum

#### Tenor

Rick Carr, Janet Klinger,

Rita Mitchell, Christie Schweitz

#### Bass

Lynn Coots, Jeffery Fuller, Terry Schweitz

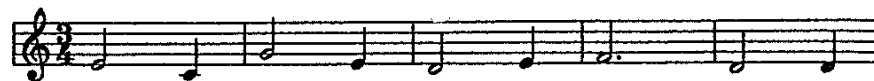
**Narrators:** Judy Mitchell, Craig Clausen

**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

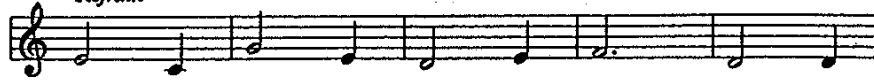


wait - ing has be - gun; we have start - ed  
 hum - ble shep - herds, who filled with won - der  
 heaven - ly har - mo - ny; an - gels sing - ing  
 joy for - ev - er - more; Christ Child in a  
 don - key, sheep, and cow; birth - day can - dles



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

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayer after 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

“My Soul in Stillness Waits” Marty Haugen

\*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.**

Passing of the Peace

**“We’re Glad You Came”**

*A Musical Celebration of the Savior’s Birth*  
arr. David Wise and David Shipps

**“We’re Glad You Came”**

“We’re Glad You Came”

“To Change the World”

“O Night Divine Medley”

“We’re Glad You Came”

Duet: Vicki Marcum, Lynn Coots

“That First Cry”

“When I Think of Bethlehem”

Soloist: April Haeflinger

“Everything’s New”

“For You Alone”

“Finale”

### **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

Benediction

**Unison Reading**

**Today, we have worshiped 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.**

# Poinsettia's

## In memory of...

*Jim & Bev Barker* *Loved Ones*  
*Bruce & Joni Benning*  
*Shirley Benning, Dorothy & Glenn Storz*  
*Norm Dean* *Melanie Dean*  
*Gene & Ann Gambrel* *Loved Ones*  
*Faye Reed* *Bob Reed*  
*Grant & Rosemary Runyard* *Family*  
*Weavels* *Papa Zell & Papa Weavel*  
*Steve & Barb Whitney* *Loved Ones*

## In honor of...

*Lynn & Judie Coots* *Our Grandchildren*  
*Norm Dean* *Kaylee & Sydney Davis*  
*Mary Lee* *Loved Ones*  
*Jim & Rita Mitchell...*  
*Our Lord Jesus Christ the True Reason for the Season*

Church phone number 815-335-2051  
Pastoral Cell 815-742-7503  
Attendance 97  
Offerings / Memorials \$2714.00 / \$100.00

## SHARING THE WORD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

*Every member a minister...*

Accompanist Lorita Ooyen  
Projectionist Rachel Rittmeyer  
Ushers Norm Dean, Jim Morrison, Chuck Rittmeyer  
Greeters Bill & Susie Newkirk  
Acolytes Mitchel Cunningham, Jason Luna

## Looking ahead...

December 18 - Children's program  
December 24 - Christmas Eve services (4:30 & 10:30 p.m.)  
December 25 - No Christmas Day service here

**Middle Creek** is offering Christmas morning worship at 10:20 a.m. The cocoa will be waiting for your arrival. The children will be opening stockings that tell the story of Jesus' birth.  
All are welcome!

*Poinsettia's are known as  
'Flores de Noche Buena' - Flowers of the Holy Night.*