

First Presbyterian Church
Winnebago, Illinois
December 14, 2014
10:30 a.m.

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude "The Coventry Carol" Mac Huff arrangements

Welcome/Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle The Pollard Family

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Unison reading

O Lord of love and giver of dreams, throughout time you have always done great things for your people. Remind us, and awaken us to the reality of Your presence and Your glory. Fill our mouths with laughter, our tongues with shouts of joy. Anoint us with Your oil of gladness. Merciful God, after two thousand years, we still don't know what we're looking for. We have heard John's fervent cry in the wilderness: "Make straight the way of the Lord," but we're unsure what You want us to do. Our lives have continued on much as they were before. We have not listened to Your heralds, nor lived as if we truly believed. We blame others rather than take responsibility for our sinfulness. Please forgive us, and help us live in ways that are pleasing to You. "For we are Your children, and want to please You." We humbly ask this in Jesus name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

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Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Looking ahead...

December 21

Children's program with Fellowship to follow

December 24

4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

11 p.m. Candle light Christmas Eve Service



Poinsettia's in Honor of...

Jim & Bev Barker in honor of Our Grandchildren

Jim & Sheila Brechlin in honor of Mom & Dad

Lynn & Judie Coots in honor of Our Children

Norm Dean in honor of Kaylee & Sydney Davis

Sheree Sensel in honor of Emelyn

Pastor Steve & Ginger Shullanberger in honor of:

Chelsea & Charlie Shullanberger

Poinsettia's in Memory of...

Jodell Brown in memory of Loved Ones

Ted & Kristy Busch in memory of Our Parents

Norm Dean in memory of Melanie Dean

The Gambrel Family in memory of Loved Ones

Brent & Carrie Pollard in memory of Grandparents we've lost

Faye Reed in memory of Bob Reed

Pastor Steve & Ginger Shullanberger in memory of:

Charles Gillit, Orla & Dorothy Shullanberger

*Poinsettia plants are symbolic of the
Star of Bethlehem*

Vocalists

Soprano I: Judie Coots, Bev Williams

Soprano II: Susan Gambrel, Sue Jansen, Dixie Leden,
Vicki Marcum, Jan Mitchell

Alto: Joni Benning, Kylie Gray, April Haeflinger,
Janet Klinger, Christie Schweitz

Tenor: Rick Carr, Richard Meyer, Jim Brechlin

Bass: Lynn Coots, Jeff Fuller, Terry Schweitz

Narrators: Paul Haeflinger, Judy Mitchell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Benediction

Postlude "Proclaim the Joyful Message"

James V. Marchionda

All music in our bulletin is protected under CCLI#1409680

Church phone number	815-335-2051
Pastoral Cell	815-742-7668
Attendance	94
Offerings	\$2217.00

SHARING THE WORD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Every member a minister...

Choir Director	Michelle West
Accompanist	Lorita Ooyen
Projectionist	Kaitlyn Freimuth
Ushers	Chuck Rittmeyer, Norm Dean, Jim Morrison
Greeters	Bev Barker, Jodell Brown
Acolytes	Ella & Charlotte Maher

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings

"Emmanuel"

Vince Ambrosetti

*Doxology

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*Prayer of Dedication

"The Three Gifts"

By Randy Vader, Jay Rouse, Rose Aspinall

I. Opening

Soloist: Jim Brechlin

II. Prophets of Old

III. Gloria

IV. A Midwinter Noel

V. The Christmas Morn

VI. Now That He Is Here

Soloists: April Haeflinger, Joni Benning

VII. The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy

VIII. Gifts Fit For a King

IX. Three Gifts

Soloists: Vicki Marcum, Judie Coots, Dixie Leden

X. O Come, All Ye Faithful

Soloist: Jim Brechlin

XI. Tell It On the Mountain

Announcements

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

Our Prayer request email: first-pres-prayer@googlegroups.com

All groups meet at the church unless otherwise specified.

Adopt a child gifts are due TODAY!

Fellowship today will follow the Cantata and is hosted by the Fellowship Supper Club.

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

Deacons will meet on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Choir will meet on Wednesday at 6 p.m. at Michelle West's home, for a potluck dinner and choir practice. *Note the change!*

FirstTEAM will meet on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Please keep in prayer:

Paula Price. Chelsea Shullanberger. Matt Mitchell. Clyde Grover.