

First Presbyterian Church  
Winnebago, Illinois  
December 22, 2013  
10:30 a.m.

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**PREPARING FOR THE WORD**

Prelude "O, How Joyfully!" Cindy Berry  
Introit "Come, Messiah King" Randy Vader

Welcome/Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle Kasey & Jared Benson

\*Hymn "Joy To The World" #40

Call to Worship: Luke 2:6 - 14 [KJV] **Responsive Reading**

**Leader:** And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

**People:** And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

**Leader:** And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

**People:** And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

**Leader:** And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

**People:** For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

**Announcements**

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

**Our Prayer request email is:**  
[first-pres-prayer@googlegroups.com](mailto:first-pres-prayer@googlegroups.com)

*All groups meet at the church unless otherwise specified.*

**Nursery care** is available for children ages three and under.

**Chancel Choir** will not meet this week.

**New officers** will be ordained and installed at next weeks service.

**First TEAM** is selling Anna's coupons for \$10. They make great stocking stuffers! We also have a few butter braids available at a reduced rate of \$10.

**2014** offering envelopes are on the table in the narthex.

**PW CT team** will meet on January 3, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.

**Please keep in prayer:**

Bob Look. Courtney Gilson. Paula Price. Dee Swigart.

**Looking ahead...**

Christmas Eve services are at 4:30 p.m. and 11 p.m.

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings  
\*Doxology #592  
\*Prayer of Dedication

### RECEIVING THE WORD

Scripture: Luke 1:26-31 (KJV)  
Message: "Jesus, the Greatest of Gifts"  
Dr. Carroll Smith

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*Hymn "Go Tell It On The Mountain" #29  
Benediction  
Postlude "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light" Schop  
All music in our bulletin is protected under CCLI#1409680  
Attendance/Offerings 141 / \$2169.00

### SHARING THE WORD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

*Every member a minister...*

Pastor Reverend Steve Shullanberger  
Guest Speaker Dr. Carroll Smith  
Choir Director / Accompanist Michelle West  
Accompanist Scott Farrell  
Projectionist Jake Smith  
Ushers Chuck & Greg Rittmeyer  
Greeters Eva Jean Bachman, Jodell Brown  
Acolytes Kaitlyn & Kaleigh Freimuth

**Leader:** And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

**People:** And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

**Unison:** Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Call to Confession: **Unison Reading**

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name and what our hearts can no longer bear. Set us free from our wrongdoings and open to us a future in which we can be changed. Please grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. [Lord's Prayer]**

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 103:8, 10-12 **Unison Reading**

**The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in loving kindness. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His loving kindness toward those who fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri #579

Anthem "One Small Child" Lloyd Larson

Sharing of Joys and Concerns  
Pastoral Prayer

\*Hymn "O Little Town Of Bethlehem" #44

# Christmas Eve Services

**We offer two services  
on Christmas Eve:**

**4:30 p.m. and 11 p.m.**

