

**First Presbyterian Church
Winnebago, Illinois
December 24, 2014
4:30 p.m.**

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude "O Come All Ye Faithful" Jim Brickman

Lighting of the Advent Candle Bill & Susie Newkirk

Special Music

*Hymn "Joy to the World" #40

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Unison prayer

O Incarnate One, Light of the World, Prince of Peace, draw close to us we pray. In the darkness of this night, and the darkness of the world, shine upon us and fill us with your light, as we sing your message of peace, love, and forgiveness. Open our eyes to the miracle of your birth. Open our hearts to wonder at your love, that we may reflect your glory. Lord Jesus, your grace has appeared among us; the light of your love has shined upon us. Yet, instead of rejoicing in your light, we dwell in the darkness of doubt and despair. We are weary from our many tasks, and burdened by the world's expectations. Help us to fully grasp the miracle of your birth, so that we may see the beauty of your gift, the extravagance of your love, and find peace and hope in your presence. Forgive, and heal the brokenness of our lives, and set us on your pathway of wholeness, truth, justice, and love. We humbly ask, in Jesus name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Gloria Patri #579

RECEIVING THE WORD

Scripture: Luke 2:1-7 pg. 1043

Message: "The Light of Christmas"
Reverend Steve Shullanberger

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn "Silent Night" #60

Benediction

Postlude "The Hallelujah Chorus" Handel

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SHARING THE WORD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Every member a minister...

Pastor Reverend Steve Shullanberger
Accompanist Michelle West
Special Music The Schweitz Family