

First Presbyterian Church
Winnebago, Illinois
December 4, 2016
10:30 a.m.

Announcements

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

Please keep in prayer:

Judy Coots.

All groups meet at the church unless otherwise specified.

Pastor Carroll will in the office Monday afternoon and Wednesday morning. His email is: pastor1@thewfpc.org

Session will meet on Monday at 7 p.m.

Choir will meet on Wednesday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

Kaufman Nativity Open House Sue Kaufman is graciously opening her home to the congregation today from 1-3 p.m. for a viewing of her nativity collection. Light refreshments will be served. Sue's address is: 308 W. Runyard St. in Winnebago.

Rockford Rescue Mission Our night to serve is this Friday starting at 6 p.m.

Ruth Circle will meet on December 13th at noon at July Mitchell's for a potluck. *Please note the date change.*

Giving three ways Items for the Mitten & Hat tree are still needed. If you have any questions please call the church office.

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

Middle Creek is offering Christmas morning worship at 10:20 a.m. Feel free to come in your pajamas if you want. The cocoa will be waiting for your arrival. The children will be opening stockings that help tell the story of Jesus' birth. All are welcome.

Liturgical color is purple for the season of penitence and preparation

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude "First Snowfall" Jim Brickman

Introit "To Change the World" David's Wise & Shipps

Welcome/Announcements

Call To Worship (from Psalm 98) **Unison Reading**
"Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations. ... all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; ... shout for joy before the LORD, the King." This morning I sing with joy and praise the Lord with gladness. Amen and Amen.

*Hymn "Angels We Have Heard on High" #23

Lighting of the Advent Candle The Reuter Family

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

POINSETTIA SALE

The Worship Committee is taking orders for poinsettias to add beauty to our sanctuary during the Christmas season. They will be on display December 11-18 and may be taken home after the worship service on December 18.

Orders due by TODAY!!!

Return completed form and payment to April Haeflinger. If you have questions call April at 815-979-0492.



_____ Poinsettia(s) @ \$12.50 each

_____ Red _____ White _____ Pink

_____ Total - *Make checks payable to: First Presbyterian Church*

Given by: _____

In Memory/Honor of: _____

THE GRACE OF JESUS CHRIST

2090

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 - dies, now: Sing of

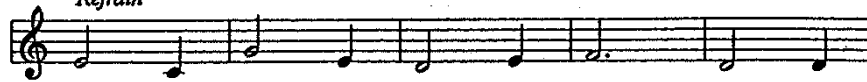


wait - ing has be - gun; we have start - ed
 hum - ble shep - herds, who filled with won - der
 heaven - ly har - mo - ny; an - gels sing - ing
 joy for - ev - er - more; Christ Child in a
 don - key, sheep, and cow; birth - day can - dles



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

Call to Confession Unison Reading
Loving Creator, we honor you with our praise because we know that you are pure and holy. May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer. Please forgive me of my wrongdoings and cleanse me of my sin so that I will be holy in your sight. In Jesus name I pray, Amen

Assurance of Pardon: Unison Reading
Merciful and gracious God, I have humbly approached you with praise and adoration. I have obeyed your holy word and confessed my faults and failures with sincerity. By faith in you and your grace, I am forgiven and pardoned from my sins. In Jesus name, Amen.

Apostles Creed pg. 14

*Gloria Patri #579

Installation of Officers for 2017 Pastor Claire Brenneka
Session: Susan Gambrel and Angelica Storey, Youth
Re-elected: Janet Erb and Bill Newkirk
Deacons: Jim Mitchell, re-elected: Avis Lind and Mary Lee
Trustees: Norm Dean, re-elected: Adam Cunningham

Anthem “For You Alone” David’s Wise & Shipp

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer concluding with The Lord’s Prayer

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings
“Mary, Did You Know?” Dennis Alexander

*Doxology #592

*Prayer of Dedication Unison prayer
Loving Creator, we are very grateful for another opportunity to worship you. We know that your blessings are always given to us with gracious love. (continued)

Memory Angels 2016 (continued)

<i>Ron Warkentien</i>	<i>Norma Warkentien</i>
<i>Don and Doris Whitney</i>	<i>Steve & Barb Whitney</i>

Honor Angels 2016

<i>Our Grandchildren</i>	<i>Jim & Bev Barker</i>
<i>Our Children and Grandchildren</i>	<i>Ted & Kristy Busch</i>
<i>Kaylee and Sydney Davis</i>	<i>Norm Dean</i>
<i>Katie, Grace, and Joe Erb</i>	<i>Aunt Mick</i>
<i>Willia, Winston and Lochlan Erb</i>	<i>Aunt Mick</i>
<i>Our Family</i>	<i>Jeff & Ann Fuller</i>
<i>Our Grandchildren and Great Grandson</i>	<i>John & Corrine Gusloff</i>
<i>Our Grandchildren</i>	<i>Lynn & Sue Jansen</i>
<i>Jason Luna</i>	<i>Mike & Sue Luna</i>
<i>Our Family</i>	<i>Jim & Rita Mitchell</i>
<i>Our Children: Stacy and Brett Freimuth Brad and Christine Morrison, Kyle and Ashlee Morrison</i>	<i>Jim & Polly Morrison</i>
<i>Our Grandchildren: Kaitlyn, Kaleigh, Taggert Jonah, Joshua, Jordan, Johnelle, William</i>	<i>Jim & Polly Morrison</i>
<i>Our Grandchildren: Jace and Jordan Hale Isabella and Isaac Nichols</i>	<i>Dave & Julie Nichols</i>
<i>Our 9 Grandchildren</i>	<i>Steve & Barb Whitney</i>

Luke 4:10
He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully...

Memory Angels 2016

<i>Loved Ones</i>	<i>Eva Jean Bachman</i>
<i>Loved Ones</i>	<i>Jim & Bev Barker</i>
<i>Loved Ones</i>	<i>Jodell Brown</i>
<i>Our Parents</i>	<i>Ted & Kristy Busch</i>
<i>Loved Ones</i>	<i>Betsy & Rick Carr</i>
<i>Joanne Christin</i>	<i>Roger Christin</i>
<i>Dan and Mildred Hurd, Carroll and Jeanette Coots Kenny Hurd, Marilyn Whitmore, Joseph Cuppini</i>	<i>Lynn & Judie Coots</i>
<i>Mathew Cunningham</i>	<i>Michael & Mitchel Cunningham</i>
<i>Melanie Dean</i>	<i>Norm Dean</i>
<i>Ed Behnke, Elizabeth and Walter Mangus</i>	<i>The Erb Family</i>
<i>Henry Erb and Norma Erb</i>	<i>The Tom Erb Family</i>
<i>Loved Ones</i>	<i>Jeff & Ann Fuller</i>
<i>Loved Ones</i>	<i>John & Corrine Gusloff</i>
<i>David Meyer</i>	<i>Karen Meyer</i>
<i>Stan Meyers</i>	<i>Carol Meyers</i>
<i>Doug, Mike and Kyle Mitchell</i>	<i>Judy Mitchell</i>
<i>Our Parents: Paul and Norma Lueker Willard and Naomi Morrison</i>	<i>Jim & Polly Morrison</i>
<i>Mike Mowen</i>	<i>His Family</i>
<i>Our Special Friend, Dee</i>	<i>Our Card Club Group</i>
<i>Richard Pedrick</i>	<i>Marian Pedrick</i>
<i>Ben Johnson, Angie Smith and Our Grandparents</i>	<i>Brent & Staci Thompson</i>
<i>Wendy Vietmeier and Alan Schramm</i>	<i>Fritz & Gwen Vietmeier</i>

With heartfelt thanks we present our gifts, tithes, and offerings. Please bless what we have generously given so that the good news of Christ will be liberally shared in our community. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Passing of the Peace

RECEIVING THE WORD

Scripture: Psalm 98:4; Luke 2:14 (KJV)

Message: "Joyfully Inspired to Sing About Christ's Arrival"
Dr. Carroll Smith

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Leader: On this blessed Sunday we humbly approach the Lord's Table with praise and thankfulness because we can celebrate Holy Communion with the church universal. We express genuine gratefulness to our Savior for His love and sacrifice so that we have pardon from sin. As we commemorate Holy Communion with hearts filled with appreciation, we show the world that Jesus is Savior.

People: We enter holy communion with gratitude that Christ has made us worthy through the brokenness of His body and the shedding of His Blood.

Leader: We remember the great sacrifice that Jesus has made to provide us grace, mercy, and forgiveness.

People: We eat this bread and drink this cup with love and gratitude as we proclaim Christ's saving power to the world.

***Unison:* We lift up our hearts and voices to Christ the Lord and offer thanks for His sacrifice that has given us the blessing of salvation.**

The Bread and the Cup: Blessing and Praise

Receiving of the Holy Communion

Unison Prayer after Communion

Most loving God, thank you for making us worthy to celebrate Holy Communion with the church universal. You have renewed us through your Holy Spirit so that we can share the good news of salvation to our community. Please keep us steadfast in your holy pathway in our daily walk with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” #438
Benediction

Postlude “Go Tell It On the Mountain” Mark Hayes

All music in our bulletin is protected under CCLI#1409680

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Offerings \$1237.00

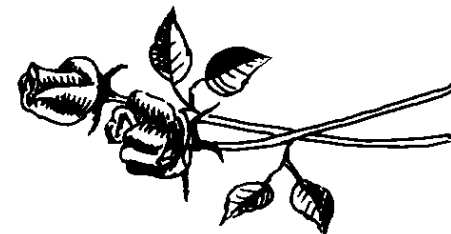
SHARING THE WORD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Every member a minister...

Accompanist / Choir Director Michelle West
Projectionist Kaleigh Freimuth
Ushers Jim Mitchell, Dave Nichols, Chuck Rittmeyer
Greeters Gretchen Reuter, Betsy Parrish
Acolytes Grace & Joe Erb

Looking ahead...

December 11 - Christmas Cantata followed by Fellowship
December 18 - Children’s program
December 24 - Christmas Eve services (4:30 & 10:30 p.m.)
December 25 - Services at Middle Creek (10:20 a.m.)



*Flowers and bulletins today are sponsored by Chuck & Avis Lind:
In memory of Mary Kissack*

We're Glad
**YOU
CAME**

A Musical Celebration of the Savior's Birth



**Simply
word**

Created by JOEL LINDSEY *and* JEFF BUMGARDNER
Arranged by DAVID WISE *and* DAVID SHIPPS
Orchestrated by DAVID SHIPPS

Join us December 11 for the Annual Christmas Cantata
Fellowship to follow