

First Presbyterian Church
Winnebago, Illinois
November 29, 2015
10:30 a.m.

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome /Announcements / Minute for Missions

*Hymn “Come Ye Thankful People” #551

Lighting of the Advent Candle

*Hymn “Advent Song” (v.1) insert

Baptism of Trevor Lawrence Krantz

Prayer of Adoration and Confession **Unison prayer**
God of redeeming grace, you lead us in paths of righteousness and make your ways known through the birth of a child. We praise your goodness and wisdom. Accept the sounds of rejoicing we raise to you and guide our hearing as we seek your instruction.

God of the future- you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess we have not expected your kingdom for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgement. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors and refuse your judgment and peace.

In your Mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world. Amen.

Announcements

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

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

(prayer request cards are now available on the table in the narthex)

Please keep in prayer:

Dee Swigart. Paula Price.

All groups meet at the church unless otherwise specified.

Office hours for Pastor Carroll will be Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. till noon.

Chancel Choir will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday.

Trustees will meet on Thursday at 7 p .m.

Christmas Cantata “Believe” will be on Sunday, December 13th.

Workcampers are now selling Anna’s Buck for \$10 each. Help support the mission trip to Elizabethtown, North Carolina.

Christmas Cookie & Candy Walk and Mini-Bazaar Each woman of the church is asked to donate three dozen homemade holiday cookies. Please have cookies/candy at the Church on Friday, December 4 from 2:30 – 6 p.m.

Baptism Trevor Lawrence Krantz is the son of Michael & Katie Krantz. He is the grandson of Pam Leden, the late Mike Leden, Dana & Larry Woods, Thomas Krantz and the great grandson of Skip & Dixie Leden.

Exit please note, the exit on the lower level by the Sunday school classrooms is for emergency use. Please use the main entrance/ exit.

Church phone number 815-335-2051
Pastoral Cell 815-742-7503
Attendance 65
Offerings \$1387.61

SHARING THE WORD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Every member a minister...

Accompanist Michelle West
Advent readers Kaleigh Freimuth, Alyssa Gugliemetti
and Rachel Rittmeyer
Projectionist Rachel Rittmeyer
Ushers Chuck Rittmeyer and volunteers
Greeters Norm Dean, Roger Christin
Acolytes Mitchel Cunningham, Thea Mitchell

Looking ahead...

December 6 - Pastor Claire, Choir
December 13 - Cantata followed by Fellowship
December 20 - Children's program
December 24 - 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service w/ Pastor Carroll
December 24 - 10:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service w/ Pastor Claire

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri #579

Passing of the Peace

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer concluding with The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn "How Great Is Our God" insert

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings

*Doxology #592

*Prayer of Dedication

RECEIVING THE WORD

Scripture: Isaiah 9: 6 & 7 pg. 708

Message: "Hope"

Pastor Claire Brennecka

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn "God Is So Good" insert

Benediction

Postlude

All music in our bulletin is protected under CCLI#1409680

“How Great Is Our God”

Chris Tomlin

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty,
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.

He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at his voice, trembles at his voice. **(chorus)**

Chorus:

How great is our God, sing with me,
How great is our God, all with see,
How great, how great is our God.

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands,
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end.

The Godhead, three in one: Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, The Lion and the Lamb **(chorus)**

Name above all names, worthy of all praise,
My heart will sing, how great is our God.
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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 13-20 and may be taken home after the worship service on December 20.

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

_____ Red _____ White _____ Pink

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

Given by: _____

In Memory/Honor of: _____

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First Presbyterian's Annual Christmas Cookie & Candy Walk & Mini-Bazaar

*Saturday, December 5th
9:00 a.m. to Noon*

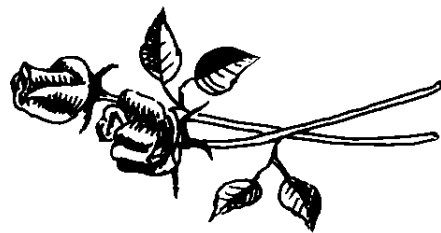
*Your choice of delicious homemade
Christmas cookies and candy*

Gifts from our mini-bazaar

*Cookies - \$5.00 per lb.
Candy - \$4.00 per ½ lb.*

*Sponsored by
The Presbyterian Women*

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*Flowers today are sponsored by Skip & Dixie Leden
in honor of their great grandson Trevor's Baptism*