

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MESSAGE **Talents** Pastor Charles

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*From a Brief Statement of Faith*) {in unison}

***In life and in death, we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God.***

***In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks, and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying: "Come, Lord Jesus!"***

***With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord!***

**TITHES AND OFFERING**

**\*Doxology**

\*Prayer of Dedication

**\*DEPARTING HYMN** *Song of Hope (sing 2X)*  
**PH 432**

\*BENEDICTION

***\*Those that are comfortably able may stand.***

*PH = Blue hymnal  
NCH = Brown hymnal*

# FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Pinckneyville, Illinois  
November 16, 2014**



"Our mission is to live the gospel in worship, prayer, and compassionate ministry to all in need."



GATHERING Informally greet one another and  
prepare our hearts and minds for worship

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*GATHERING HYMN** *Fairest Lord Jesus*  
**PH 306**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from *Psalms* 148)

L: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens!

**R: Praise Him in the heights!**

L: Praise Him, all His angels!

**R: Praise Him, all His host!**

L: Praise Him, sun and moon.

**R: Praise Him, all you shining stars.**

L: Praise Him, you highest heavens, and you waters above  
the heavens!

**R: Young men and women alike – old and young  
together!**

L: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for His name  
alone is exalted. His glory is above earth and heaven.

**R: He has raised up a horn for His people - praise for  
all His faithful.**

**ALL: Praise the Lord! Alleluia!**

**\*OPENING HYMN** *O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*  
**PH 466**

**\*GREET AND SHARE THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH**  
*Louise/Sandy*

CALL TO CONFESSION

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)**

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess  
our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses  
against you.**

**You alone know how often we have sinned in  
wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in  
forgetting your love.**

**Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and  
sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our  
sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your  
ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior...**

**SILENT CONFESSION**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**\*Gloria Patri** **Glory Be to the Father** **PH 579**

**\* HYMN** *Spirit* **PH 319**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**LORD'S PRAYER(using debts & debtors)**

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE **Matthew 25: 14-30**  
Cheryl Schneider

Leader: *This is the Word of the Lord.*  
**Response: Thanks be to God.**

Gertrude Smith  
Kay West

**PRAYER LIST:**

*Conflicts in Syria, Ukraine, Afghanistan, & Iraq*

Lou McCombs-breast cancer

Craig Shrum – cancer

Julie Shute-breast cancer

**Transformation for all of us**

*Presbytery of S.E. Illinois*

*Those who are homeless*

*Don Collier*

*Family and Friends of Jo Anne Kirkland*

*Cy Keller - joy!*

*Jimmy Amos*

*Jim covert*

*Tom Perkins (recovering from blood-borne infection)*

*Olivia & Benjamin Walden*

*Caden Hartfield (age 12) - recovering from car/bike  
accident*

*Pam (Sandy's co-worker) - undergoing treatment for  
stage 1 cancer.*

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Organist: Cathy Cunningham

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Due to the presbytery meeting this week, Pastor Charles will not hold regular office hours on Friday of this week. He is, however, available for visits and consults on that day. Feel free to call or text him on his mobile #.

The Book Club will meet on Thursday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the church. The book selection is When Madeline Was Young by Jane Hamilton. Contact Pat Perkins for further information.

Please join us for coffee before church each Sunday. If you would like to take a turn preparing Sunday Morning Coffee and Treats- Just sign up! There is a sheet on the table.

The Deacons are collecting canned goods for the Least of the Brethren Food Pantry. Please bring cans only. Fruit, vegetables, soup, etc.

Pinckneyville Hospital is offering an exciting new Smoking Cessation program this month at the hospital. Full details are on the flyer on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Our yoked church partner, FPC of M'boro, is holding a monthly Christian Ed class with a meal on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday night of each month. The evening begins at 6:30pm with a light meal, followed by a video presentation by two prominent theologians, and a lively discussion that utilizes the video and a study guide. All are welcome to join in! Contact Pastor Charles if you would like further info, or if you would like the study guide (\$20 each).

**HOMEBOUND MEMBERS & FRIENDS:**

Grace Hubler-Pinckneyville Health Care Center

Virginia Richart