

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MESSAGE **Preparation & Renewal** Pastor Charles

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(from the Barmen Declaration)* {in unison}

***Jesus Christ, as He is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear, and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death.***

***As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way, is He also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through Him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to His creatures. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.***  
**AMEN**

**TITHES AND OFFERING**

**\*Doxology**

\*Prayer of Dedication

**\*DEPARTING HYMN** *Sing Out, All God's People*  
**(See Insert)**

\*BENEDICTION

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

*PH = Blue hymnal*  
*NCH = Brown hymnal*

# FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Pinckneyville, Illinois**  
**November 30, 2014**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent**



“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

Lighting of the Advent Candle ~ Glenn McKinstry

**\*GATHERING HYMN**

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* PH 2

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (from *Psalm 103*)

L: Praise the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,  
praise His holy name.

**R: Praise the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all  
His benefits.**

L: He forgives all your iniquity, and heals all your  
diseases.

**R: He crowns you with steadfast love and compassion,  
and satisfies your desires with good things, so that your  
youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

L: The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are  
oppressed.

**R: The Lord is merciful and gracious – slow to anger  
and abounding in steadfast love.**

L: As far as the east is from the west, so far He removes  
our transgressions from us. The steadfast love of the Lord  
is from everlasting to everlasting with those who fear Him,  
and His righteousness with their children's children.

**ALL: Praise the Lord, all His works - everywhere in  
His dominion. Praise the Lord, O my soul!**

**\*OPENING HYMN** *Comfort, Comfort You My People*  
PH 3

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

**DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

*Louise/Sandy*

CALL TO CONFESSION

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)**

God of compassion,

in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory,  
but we turn away, distracted by our own plans.

We confess that we speak when we should listen,  
and act when we should wait.

Forgive our aimless enthusiasms.

Grant us wisdom to live in your light  
and to follow in the way of your beloved Son,  
Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior...

**SILENT CONFESSION**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

\* **HYMN** *They'll Know We Are Christians by our  
Love* **(See Insert)**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

SCRIPTURE **Isaiah 40 (pg 1119 in Pew Bible)**

Leader: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

## **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
    - 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.
  - Family & Friends of Sherry Mathis
    - Ferguson, Missouri

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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.

### **Live Nativity in P'ville**

**The Manor at Mason Woods will host a live nativity scene this Friday and Saturday night in their parking lot. Come out to the Manor for this special presentation from 6 - 8 pm both nights to help us remember the reason for the season!**

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

### **Got the Winter Blues?**

Then come to a special, free workshop to help prevent and beat the Winter Blues! This one afternoon workshop is being held at Pinckneyville hospital on Wed, Dec. 3rd, and is free and open to the public. Reservations are requested by Dec. 1st, and the phone # and full info is on the sheet on the church hallway bulletin board.

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  
Gertrude Smith  
Kay West