

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

\* **HYMN** *Song of Mary* **PH 600**

MESSAGE **Praise & Magnification**

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** *God Rest You Merry Gentlemen* **NCH 544**

\***BENEDICTION**

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

*PH = Blue hymnal*

*NCH = Brown hymnal*

# FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Pinckneyville, Illinois  
December 14, 2014  
3<sup>rd</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 Candles ~  
Dick & Anne Tabing

**\*GATHERING HYMN** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
**PH 9**

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (from *Psalms 126*)

L: When the Lord brought back those who returned to  
Zion, we were like those who dream.

**R: Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our  
tongue with shouts of joy.**

L: Then it was said among the nations: *The Lord has  
done great things for them.*

**R: The Lord has done great things for us, and we will  
rejoice.**

L: Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in  
the Negeb.

**R: May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.**

L: Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for  
sowing,

**R: shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their  
sheaves.**

**ALL: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob  
is our refuge.**

**\*OPENING HYMN** *The Days are Coming*  
**(See Insert)**

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

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)**  
**God of the past, present, & future,**

**You are coming in power to bring all nations under  
Your rule.**

**We confess that we have not expected Your Kingdom,  
for we live casual lives, ignoring Your promised  
judgment and deliverance.**

**We accept gossip as truth, ignore neighbors, indulge  
the culture, and refuse Your justice 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...**

**SILENT CONFESSION**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE **Luke 1:46b-56**  
**Mary Ann Schillinger (pg 1589 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.

The Deacons are collecting canned goods for the Lions Club's Food Baskets. Please bring cans only. Fruit, vegetables, soup, etc.

### **Book Club**

Next meeting will be Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm at the church. Next selection ~ Rebecca Rotent – *Last Night at the Blue Angel*.

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).

*This year's Christmas Eve service will begin at 6pm in our sanctuary. It is a special **Lessons & Carols** service, and all are encouraged and invited to come worship with us!*

### **HOMEBOUND MEMBERS & FRIENDS:**

Grace Hubler-Pinckneyville Health Care Center

Gertrude Smith

Kay West