

## Continued Affirmation of Faith...

***We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father – of one Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made.***

***For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.***

***We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, and who has spoken through the prophets.***

***We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. AMEN.***

**\*HYMN** *Let Us Break Bread Together* **PH 513**  
**CELEBRATION OF THE LORDS SUPPER**  
**(See separate page)**

## **TITHES AND OFFERING**

**\*Doxology**

\*Prayer of Dedication

**\*DEPARTING HYMN** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*  
**PH 31**

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

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

# FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Pinckneyville, Illinois**  
**December 21, 2014**  
**4th 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 ~ Bettie Ashauer

**\*GATHERING HYMN** *The First Noel*      **NCH 538**

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (from *Psalms 89*)

L: I will sing of Your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;  
with my mouth, I will proclaim Your faithfulness to all  
generations.

**R: I declare that Your steadfast love is established  
forever. Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

L: You said: *“I have made a covenant with my chosen  
one, and I have sworn to my servant David: ‘I will  
establish your descendants forever, and build your throne  
for all generations.’”*

**R: O Lord, God of hosts, who is as mighty as You?**

**ALL: Blessed be the Lord forever. Amen and Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN** *Joy to the World!*      **PH 40**

**\*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 grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came  
among us as light shining in darkness.

We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or

**trusted good news to be good.**

**We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst,  
expecting little, and hoping for less.**

**Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may  
receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth  
of Christ the Lord...**

**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 2:1-20**

**Chuch Dobrinick (pg 1590 in Pew Bible)**

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

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**\* HYMN** *O Come, All Ye Faithful*      **PH 41**

MESSAGE **Hope & Wonder**

Pastor Charles

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from the *Nicene Creed*)  
{in unison}

***We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen  
and unseen.***

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## **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.

Preaching: Pastor Charles Walden  
Deacon: Bettie Ashauer  
Organist: Cathy Cunningham

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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.

Pastor Charles will be on vacation Dec. 26th - Jan. 2nd. If you have a pastoral emergency during that time, contact a church elder; or, if necessary, call or text Pastoral Charles.

### **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*.

### **EXCITING NEW PRESBYTERY WORKSHOP**

Our presbytery's new Generosity Team will be making their inaugural presentation at our Pinckneyville Church on Feb. 4th at 6:30pm. This free event is for several area churches, and all are invited! More details to follow later, but all are urged to go ahead and save the date on your calendars.

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