

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

\* **HYMN** *To a Maid Engaged to Joseph*  
(even # verses only) **PH 19**

MESSAGE **Let It Be** Pastor Charles

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Apostles' Creed-  
ecumenical version) {p.14 – front section of PH} {**in  
unison**}

**TITHES AND OFFERING**

\***Doxology**

\*Prayer of Dedication

\***DEPARTING HYMN** *O Little Town of Bethlehem*  
**PH 44**

\*BENEDICTION

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

*PH = Blue hymnal  
NCH = Brown hymnal*

# FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Pinckneyville, Illinois**  
**December 7, 2014**  
**2<sup>nd</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 ~

Nate, Stephanie & Alex Chapman

**\*GATHERING HYMN**

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*      **PH 8**

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (from *Psalm 85*)

L: Lord, You were favorable to Your land; You restored  
the fortunes of Jacob.

**R: You forgave the iniquity of Your people & You  
pardoned all their sin.**

L: Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away  
Your indignation toward us.

**R: Will You not revive us again, so that Your people  
may rejoice in You?**

L: Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us  
Your salvation.

**R: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;  
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.**

**ALL: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and  
righteousness will look down from the sky.**

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

**DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

*Louise/Sandy/Kaylea*

CALL TO CONFESSION

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)**

**Eternal God,**

**in whom we live and move and have our being,**

**whose face is hidden from us by our sins,**

**and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our**

**hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses,**

**and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,**

**that with reverent and humble hearts**

**we may draw near to you,**

**confessing our faults,**

**confiding in your grace,**

**and finding in you our refuge and strength;**

**through Jesus Christ your Son...**

**SILENT CONFESSION**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

**\* HYMN      *I Wonder as I Wander*      (See Insert)**

MINUTE FOR MISSION      **Christmas Joy Offering**

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE      **Luke 1:5-38**

**Pat Perkins      (pg 1587 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.

**First Lutheran Church of Murphysboro's annual "Blue Christmas" service will be TODAY at 4pm in First Lutheran Church's sanctuary on N. 14th St. This is a service especially intended for those with grieving or hurting hearts this Advent Season. Contact Pastor Charles if you would like more info.**

The Deacons are collecting canned goods for the Least of the Brethren Food Pantry. 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).

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

Grace Hubler-Pinckneyville Health Care Center  
Gertrude Smith  
Kay West