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 <u>triune God</u>.

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 of Grace and God of Glory PH 420

*BENEDICTION

*Those that are comfortably able may stand.

PH = Blue hymnal NCH = Brown hymnal

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Pinckneyville, Illinois January 11, 2015



"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 Lord, I Lift Your Name on High back cover of PH

* CALL TO WORSHIP (from *Psalm 29*)

L: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings. Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

R: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of His name. Worship the Lord in holy splendor.

L: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders. The Lord thunders over mighty waters.

R: The voice of the Lord is powerful and full of majesty.

L: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood, and as King forever. May the Lord give strength to His people!

R: May the Lord bless His people with peace!

*OPENING HYMN Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee
PH 464

*GREET AND SHARE THE PEACE OF CHRIST

DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH Louise/Sandy/Kaylea

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

O God,

You know our hearts at all times. You know our sinful nature, and how we have sinned before You. We have

not always loved our brother and sister in Christ as You have taught us to do. We have clung to grudges, pride, possessions, and ego – when we should let Your Spirit rule in our hearts. We have not loved You with our whole heart, mind, and soul.

O Lord: forgive us, and heal us! Free us from sin, and have mercy upon us...
SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Gloria Patri Glory Be to the Father PH 579

*HYMN God Bless Your Church with Strength
PH 418

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PASTORAL PRAYER
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
LORD'S PRAYER(using debts & debtors)

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Luke: 15 - 22 (pg. 1645 in Pew Bible)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MESSAGE **PRAYER** Pastor Charles

PRAYER LIST:

- Friends and family of Gutzlers (after plane crash)
- Conflicts in Syria, Ukraine & Pakistan
 - 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
- Tom Perkins (recovering from blood-borne infection)
- Pam (Sandy's co-worker) undergoing treatment for stage 1 cancer
 Judy Durham - Leukemia

Preaching: Charles Walden Deacon:

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.

Session meets on the 3rd Wed of each month at 6pm

Book Club

Next meeting will be Thursday, January 15^{th} 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/the] 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 2nd 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