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* 

HYMN Christ, the Great Foundation PH 443 TITHES AND OFFERING \*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*DEPARTING HYMN Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah PH 281

\*BENEDICTION

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

PH = Blue hymnal NCH = Brown hymnal Preaching: Charles Walden Deacon: Wilma Templeton Organist: Cathy Cunningham

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# FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

#### Pinckneyville, Illinois January 18, 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

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (from *Psalm 138*)

L: I give You thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart.

#### R: Before the "gods," I sing Your praise.

L: I bow down toward Your holy temple, and give thanks to Your name for Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness.

# **R:** For You have exalted Your name and Your word above everything.

L: On the day I called, You answered me; You increased my strength of soul.

# **R:** Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You preserve me against the wrath of my enemies.

L: You stretch out Your hand, and Your right hand delivers me.

ALL: The Lord will fulfill His purpose for me. Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.

\*OPENING HYMN Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise PH 263

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

DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH Louise/Sandy/Kaylea

### CALL TO CONFESSION **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)** Lord of All, We confess that we have sinned greatly. We have

sought shortcuts to salvation, and to Gospel living. We have followed the ways of the world, instead of following Jesus' way.

Forgive us, O God, and lead us back to Your paths. May the prompting of Your Holy Spirit guide us always...

#### SILENT CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Gloria Pat	ri Glory Be to the Father	PH 579
*HYMN	Near to the Heart of God	PH 527

MINUTE FOR MISSION

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

#### NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Luke 4: 1 – 13 (pg. 1595 in Pew Bible)

Leader: *This is the Word of the Lord*. **Response: Thanks be to God.** 

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MESSAGE Jesus' Pilgrimage – and ours! Pastor Charles

## **PRAYER LIST:**

- Paris Tragedy
- Freedom of Expression
- 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
- Pam (Sandy's co-worker) undergoing treatment for stage 1 cancer
  - Judy Durham Leukemia

## **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

Our annual congregational meeting will be on Sunday morning, January 25th at 8am in the church's fellowship hall. We will begin at 8am with the full church breakfast, and then continue with our annual mtg. as we enjoy our breakfast treats. All active members of the church are strongly encouraged to attend!

PER CAPITA FOR 2015

Our offering boxes for this year (as they have for many years) have a special envelope for the "per capita" amount that every member of every church in every presbytery pays annually. The 2015 total per capita due per member of each church in our presbytery is \$40.00. Please remit this amount in your per capita envelope and place in the offering plate or in the office. If the empty envelope in your box is misplaced, you can always utilize any general envelope and mark it for 2015 Per Capita. This important remittance helps fund the higher governing bodies of the Church.

#### LOSE TO WIN

Pinckneyville Community Hospital is having a "Lose to Win" challenge with weekly prize drawings for weight loss and an overall male and female winner. See Bulletin board for flyer

#### **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 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