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!

AMEN

**INSTALLATION OF ELDERS (See Insert)** 

TITHES AND OFFERING \*Doxology \*Prayer of Dedication \*DEPARTING HYMN Here I am, Lord

PH 525

\*BENEDICTION

\*Those that are comfortably able may stand. PH = Blue hymnal NCH = Brown hymnal Preaching: Charles Walden Deacon: Organist: Cathy Cunningham

## FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Pinckneyville, Illinois January 25, 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)

\*HYMN Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine PH 341

PRELUDE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CALL TO WORSHIP (from *Psalm 62*)

L: For God alone my soul waits in silence; from Him comes my salvation.

# **R:** He alone is my rock & salvation: I shall not be shaken.

L: For God alone, my soul waits in silence – for my hope is from Him.

**R:** On God rests my deliverance and my honor. He is my mighty rock; my refuge is in God.

L: Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him.

ALL: God is a refuge for us!

**\*OPENING HYMN** Because He Lives

NCH 122

## **\*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 mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, Our Savior...

## SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*Gloria Patri Glory Be to the Father PH 579

**\*HYMN** *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands* 

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

## OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Micah 6: 1-8 (pg. 1447 in Pew Bible)

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## MESSAGE The Good News of God's Justice Pastor Charles

## **PRAYER LIST:**

- Paris Tragedy
- Freedom of Expression
- Grace Walden (car accident)
- 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

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Pastor Charles will be in Georgia this week, helping out with his mother after her serious car accident. If there is a pastoral emergency this week, please contact a Session elder; or, if needed, call or text Pastor Charles.

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.

## 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