

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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

MESSAGE **In the Beginning...** Pastor Charles

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

***HYMN** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* **PH 31**
CELEBTION OF THE LORDS SUPPER

TITHES AND OFFERING

***Doxology**

*Prayer of Dedication

***DEPARTING HYMN** *Go, Tell It on The Mountain"*
PH 29

*BENEDICTION

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

*PH = Blue hymnal
NCH = Brown hymnal*

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Pinckneyville, Illinois
January 4, 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** *Angels We Have Heard on High*
PH 23

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** (from *Psalm 14*)

L: Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

**R: For He strengthens the bars of your gates, and He
blesses your children within you.**

L: He grants peace within your borders, and He fills you
with the finest of wheat.

**R: He sends out His command to the earth; His word
runs swiftly.**

L: He sends out His word, and melts them; He makes His
wind blow, and the waters flow.

**R: He declares His word to Jacob, and His statutes and
ordinances to Israel.**

ALL: Praise the Lord!

***OPENING HYMN** *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*
PH 28

***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 glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of
the world, to reveal your love for all people.**

**We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness
of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore
cries for justice; we do not strive for peace.**

**In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us
once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and
renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the
face of Jesus Christ...**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

***HYMN** *As With Gladness Men of Old* **PH 63**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER(using debts & debtors)

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE **John 1: 1 – 18**
(pg. 1645 in Pew Bible)

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

Response: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER LIST:

- 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: Wilma Templeton
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.

Book Club

Next meeting will be Thursday, January 15th 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