

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

Response: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MESSAGE Alive Together in Christ

Pastor Charles

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From a Brief Statement of Faith) {See Insert}

TITHES AND OFFERING

***Doxology**

*Prayer of Dedication

***DEPARTING HYMN**

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

NCH 198

*BENEDICTION

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

PH = Blue hymnal

NCH = Brown hymnal

Preaching: Charles Walden
Deacon: Tirzah Chapman
Organist: Cathy Cunningham

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Pinckneyville, Illinois

March 15, 2015

Fourth Sunday in Lent



“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 HYMNS**

The Glory of These Forty Days (vs 1 & 4) **PH 87**
In the Cross of Christ I Glory **PH 84**

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 108)

L: My heart is steadfast, O God – my heart is
steadfast. I will sing and make melody. Awake,
my soul!

**R: I will give thanks to You, O Lord, among the
peoples, and I will sing praises to You among
the nations.**

L: For Your steadfast love is higher than the
heavens,

R: and Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

L: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, and let
Your glory be over all the earth.

***OPENING HYMN**

Fairest Lord Jesus **PH 306**

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

DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Louise/Sandy/Cheryl

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you
with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient
church. We have not done your will, we have broken
your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have
not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear
the cry of the needy.**

**Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience;
through Jesus Christ our Lord....**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

***HYMN Lord, I want to be a Christian PH 372**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER(using debts & debtors)

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

**John 3: 16-21 and Ephesians 2: 1-10
(pg. 1650 & pg. 1818-1819 in Pew Bible)**

PRAYER LIST:

- *Our Lenten journeys*
- Grace Walden (car accident)
- Conflicts in Syria, Ukraine, Nigeria, and elsewhere
 - 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
 - Judy Durham - Leukemia

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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.

Pastor Charles will be away at a continuing education conference this week. Our thanks goes to elder Chuck Dobrinick, who will preach and lead worship next Sunday (3/22). If you have a pastoral emergency this

week, please contact the church office, a church elder; or if necessary, Pastor Charles' mobile number.

Special film showing: On Thursday (3/26) at 7p.m., the Liberty Theater in Murphysboro will show a special screening of the 2014 documentary **Divorce Corp.** This is a well-researched and professional documentary on the Family Law system in the 21st century in the USA, and particularly its effects on children. The Liberty Theater charges \$5 for admission, with proceeds benefitting the ongoing restoration and maintenance of the theater. All concessions are \$1 each. For more information contact Pastor Charles.

The American Red Cross is having a Community Blood Drive THIS THURSDAY (3/19) from 12:30 PM to 5:30 PM at the St. Paul's United Church of Christ Fellowship Hall. Please see bulletin board for more information.

On Sunday (3/29), we will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper during our AM worship service. Everyone is encouraged to be present, and to invite a friend, co-worker, or neighbor!

Lenten 2015 Schedule

Services at 7pm, Good Friday at 7:30pm

Sunday, March 15	St. Paul
Sunday, March 22	New Hope
Maundy Thursday 4/2	St. Paul UCC
Good Friday 4/3	First UMC

For the month of March only, the Session meeting has been changed to the 4th Wednesday at 6 p.m. this would be (3/25).

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS & FRIENDS:

Grace Hubler-Pinckneyville Health Care Center
Gertrude Smith
Kay West

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the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of
God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we
trust in the one triune God.**

**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
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