

GOING FORTH TO MINISTER

*CLOSING HYMN

“Once in Royal David’s City” [49]

*BENEDICTION

*SUNG BLESSING

**Christ is our love! baptized that we may know
The love of God among us, swooping low.
Christ be our love, bring us to turn our face
And see in you the light of heaven’s embrace.**

POSTLUDE

Alejandro Alumbremos

*Please stand as you are able.

[**Bold type**] indicates text to be spoken or song to be sung
by the congregation.



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To receive our mid-week E-votional along with news about
what’s going on in the church, call/email the office
and ask to be added to the list!

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 11, 2016
9:30 A.M.



GATHERING WITH PRAISE

PRELUDE Alejandro Alumbremos

FIRST THOUGHT

"I never thought it was such a bad little tree. It's not bad at all, really. Maybe it just needs a little love." ~ Linus Van Pelt

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

*HYMN "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" [9]

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING Humphreys Family

One: Jesus, light of the world, may these candles bring light into our darkness.

All: May the light of the love of Jesus shine on our way.

One: Jesus, hope of the world, may these candles remind us of the hope you bring

All: The hope and the reassurance that You are with us wherever life leads.

One: Jesus, Prince of Peace, may the peace of knowing Your love fill our hearts.

All: And may we fill the life of this world with Your peace and Your love.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

WELCOME

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Kristin Holmberg-Wright

Dear God, giver of life and hope of the world, come to us this day and fill our hearts with Your peace. Take away from us all that worries and concerns us, forgive our sins and help us to make room for You. Grant us peace through these busy days, a peace that passes all understanding. Call us once more into loving service that we may give of ourselves, even as Mary humbly gave herself to bring Jesus into the world. May we be as willing to serve You as You were willing to come into this life, as love incarnate. ~ Amen

(Let us continue to pray in silence.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, hear the good news of the Gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*ACT OF PRAISE

**Christ is our light! the bright and morning star
Covering with radiance all from near and far.
Christ be our light, shine on, shine on we pray
Into our hearts, into our world today.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1:46-55 [N.T. p. 57]

CHILDREN'S PAGEANT "A Charlie Brown Christmas"

HOMILY

LIVING THE WORD

PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY [592]

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. ~ Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 11, 2016

Sun., Dec. 11	9:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Worship & Christmas Pageant Christmas Caroling in a Silo <i>In Randall, Wisconsin</i>
Mon., Dec. 12		Office Closed
Tues., Dec. 13	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Office Open Deacon Meeting
Wed., Dec. 14	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Office Open Bible Study Food Pantry Handbell Choir Rehearsal
Thurs., Dec. 15	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Office Open Food Pantry
Fri., Dec. 16	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Office Open Pastor's Day Off
Sat., Dec. 17	3:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Wedding Christmas Coffee House

Please join us next Sunday, December 18 at 9:30 a.m. for Worship
Scripture for Bible Study and Sunday Worship—Isaiah 9: 2-7



FOOD PANTRY:
For the remainder of December,
we need to provide our clients
with hearty soups, beef stews,
corned beef hash and meaty chilis!



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE FOR THE FOOD PANTRY:

WED., DEC. 14 — John & Linnea Brooke, Nancy Reeser, Debbie Yale

THURS., DEC. 15 — Martha Fusco, Myrna Kryger, Judy Rowland

If you cannot make your shift, please find a sub and let LuAnn or Karin know.

WELCOME, ALL!

Welcome to this sanctuary.
Welcome to this time of worship and wonder.
Welcome to this family of faith.

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We're glad you're here today and pray that your experience
with us in worship is both challenging and uplifting!

9:30 a.m. Worship and Christmas Pageant

Fellowship to follow in Ihrman Hall.

Nursery care is available during worship service in Room 205.

**"A Charlie Brown
Christmas" Pageant**
is presented today,
reenacted by the
children of First
Presbyterian Church.
We hope you enjoy
this discovery of
the true meaning
of Christmas.

(See inside for program.)



2017 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

"A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS"

by Charles M. Schultz

Based on the television special by Bill Melendez and Lee Mendelson

Music by Vince Guaraldi



CAST

Charlie Brown—Meyer Schaal

Lucy—Megan Griffith

Linus—Lucas Alumbremos

Snoopy—Josh Nitz

Sally—Mallory Schaal

Violet—Laine Neidinger

Patty—Sophie Higgs

Frieda—Emma DeGroot

Schroeder—Michael Griffith

Shermy—Logan Lehmann



PRODUCTION TEAM

Director—Evelyn Alumbremos

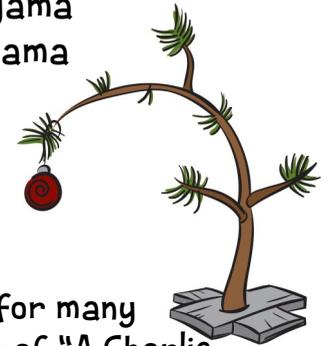
Assistant Director Ami Bouterse

Stage Manager—Jenny Eastman

Pianist—Alejandro Alumbremos

Music Director—Fumi Nakayama

Props Manager—Ken Nakayama



A message from the director:

I have been so excited about this project for many months and here we are! This production of "A Charlie Brown Christmas" is unlike anything you have ever seen in First Presbyterian Church. I feel so honored to be a part of this and work alongside fellow First friends. The cast has done phenomenal work, which has been brought to the stage before you.

I would love to thank the cast! You guys have been so wonderful throughout this whole experience. Many hours of rehearsing before and after church service and on other days has really paid off. Thank you, cast for working so hard and bringing your all for this Christmas pageant. I would also like to acknowledge the production team that has assisted me in putting this pageant together. "A Charlie Brown Christmas" needed your help and you gave it—thank you!