

GATHERING WITH PRAISE

PRELUDE

Alejandro Alumbros

FIRST THOUGHT

You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one. I hope some day you'll join us. And the world will live as one. ~ John Lennon

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

*HYMN

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" [10]

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Schaal Family

One: We light these candles as we come to worship God who came to us because we are God's beloved

All: Prepare us God to receive the gift that is our hope and our comfort, Jesus the Christ

One: We pray that God will enable us to prepare our homes and our hearts to receive all that God offers.

All: Let us prepare with prayer, silent contemplation and the worship of our lives.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

WELCOME

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Steve Fringer

God, Your heart is a loving heart and Your love is poured into our lives. We confess before You where we have refused to love; habits we have never broken; good things we have left undone; and the ways in which we have hurt You, others and ourselves. Come to us again and bring the healing, forgiving touch of Christ into our lives. Show us new ways to live and enable us to make room for Christ in our hearts. Be known among us now and through us make the love of Jesus known in this world. ~ 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

[515 v.1]

**Now to Your table spread we come, each one in faith
that you alone provide the words of life and death:
In wine and bread, In promised food
We find Your loving heart, O God.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

CHANCEL CHOIR

"Emmanuel Soon Will Appear"

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 3:1-6 [N.T. 60]

SERMON

"Dreamers"

Rev. Gillian Weighton

LIVING THE WORD

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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Table at First Presbyterian is open to all. Friends from other traditions are welcome to share in the Lord's Supper because Christ is our host. Children who are being nurtured in the faith are also welcome. We invite all to share in this meal in order to be renewed and assured of God's love and grace.

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Please come forward (children and their teachers first), take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and eat. Servers will be available to bring Communion to those who wish to remain in their seats.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 4, 2016

Sun., Dec. 4	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Worship and Communion Alternative Christmas Market
Mon., Dec. 5		Office Closed
Tues., Dec. 6	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Office Open
Wed., Dec. 7	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. 8	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Office Open Food Pantry
Fri., Dec. 9	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Office Open Pastor's Day Off

Please join us next Sunday, December 11 at 9:30 a.m.
for Worship and Christmas Pageant
Scripture for Bible Study and Sunday Worship—Luke 1:46-55



FOOD PANTRY:
We will be collecting items for our
CHRISTMAS BASKETS
through Monday, December 12th

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE FOR THE FOOD PANTRY:

WED., DEC. 7 — Elaine Jacobson, Ken Schacht, Pam Wortley

THURS., DEC. 8 — Denise Harris, Julie Nigh, Pam Simpson & Steve Simpson

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 Communion * 10:15 a.m. Sunday School
Fellowship to follow in Ihrman Hall.

Nursery care is available during worship service in Room 205.



TODAY is our **Alternative Christmas Market**
in Ihrman Hall—immediately following
worship. Another Shopping List has been
inserted in today's bulletin so that you
can see the participating organizations.



Don't forget to visit our Craft Corner
this year in the Chapel and try your
hand at jewelry-making, puzzle-
solving and more! Stop by Ihrman
Hall today to do some Christmas shopping
while benefiting worthwhile local organizations.

DECEMBER 4, 2016

Greeters: Martha Fusco and Nancy Ritter

Ushers: Ben Neal, James Yonker, Bill Anderson, David Griffith, Jerry Ritter

Perk-n-Pour: Vi Shufelt, Debbie Yale

Liturgist: Rev. Steve Fringer



NOTES FROM DORIS—

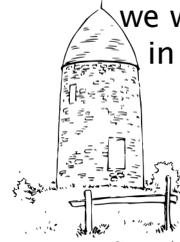
After today's worship, the 2017 offering envelopes will be available on a table in the northeast corner of the sanctuary.

Additionally, if you have not already paid it, this year's per capita for our "Presbyterian Dues" is \$30 per family member. Thank you!

Join us for the **Charlie Brown Christmas Pageant** during worship NEXT WEEK SUNDAY. "Christmastime is here. Happiness and cheer." See Charlie Brown, Linus, Lucy and the rest of the Peanuts gang, and discover the true meaning of Christmas.



Christmas Caroling in a Silo will be held NEXT WEEK SUNDAY AT 5:00 P.M. in Raymond, WI. Join us for this outreach event where we will be singing carols in a rural surrounding.



Wear your warm mittens and boots, as we sing our praises, enjoy great friendship and the hot chocolate in the barn!

The 2nd Annual **Christmas Coffee House** will be held on SAT., DEC. 17 AT 7:00 P.M. in Ihrman Hall. Bring a friend, an hors d'oeuvre or dessert to share and a bottle of wine—if you'd like. We'll provide hot chocolate, coffee, Christmas treats and a good ol' fashion sing-a-long.



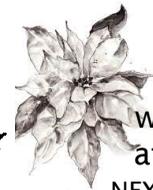
Please join us on SUN., DEC. 18, after worship, as we bring joy to others by delivering the **Christmas Baskets!**

The deadline to sign up for assisting with delivery is TODAY! You can find the sign-up sheet in Ihrman Hall.

Today begins our new **Advent and Christmastide Art Exhibit** currently

art show

featuring paintings by Ellen Cardwell, with works by other artists to follow.



The order forms for the **Christmas Poinsettias** can be found again in today's bulletin. They will be available for order at \$13 per plant, through NEXT SUNDAY and will be on display beginning SUN., DEC. 18. Please consider purchasing one (or more) in honor / memory of a loved one.

Side Note from Shelley—For those who contribute to the annual report—requests will be sent out soon -very soon!

Prayer
Changes things
Let us pray for you with Faith Believing

Prayers for our church family—

including Peg Rendall, Beth Elzinga, Mary Lou Hill, Don & Nancy Tobias, Evelyn Vanderheyden, Peggy Taylor, Annette Anderson, Maggie Seater, Larry Cardwell, Charles Von Rotz - uncle to Diane Lehmann, and the mothers of Elizabeth Tews and Nicole Higgs.

Prayers for our military—

Lt. Col Jay Brooke, Andy Loth, Kyle Sondergaard, Jordan Smith, Scott Pence, Nicholas Hansen, Christopher Hansen, Chad Lawrence, Cpt. Mary Callahan and Cpt. Eddie Callahan.

Prayers for our friends— Jeff Erickson and Al Hagen from the Caledonia Fire Dept., Lt. Col. Matt Brooke — Army, Retired, Alex Stinefast—nephew of our church secretary.

Also those who remain bright, cheery and positive, although they may not have a comfortable place to lay their heads or food to fill their bellies. And a special prayer for all those who lend a helping hand to make the world a brighter place for others.