

GATHERING WITH PRAISE

PRELUDE

Alejandro Alumbremos

FIRST THOUGHT

The world is not as just, not as loving, not as whole as we know it can and should be. But the coming of Christ and His presence among us - as one of us - give us reason to live in hope: that light will shatter the darkness, that we can be liberated from our fears and prejudices, and that we are never alone or abandoned. ~ Anonymous

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

*HYMN

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” [2]

ADVENT CALENDAR LIGHTING

Nakayama Family

One: We light this candle to mark the beginning of Advent.

All: May the light of this candle remind us of the Light of the World.

One: Through these dark days may we follow the Light of Jesus Christ.

All: So that we may bring light into the darkness.

One: Holy God, shine into our world and bring hope.

All: Holy God, lead us and guide us through this Advent season.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

WELCOME

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lissy Blandford

Dear God, we wait for You. We confess that we are impatient for You to come and set things right. We feel the insecurity of our world, we are fearful of others, anxious about the future, and uncertain if You are to be trusted. God, forgive our lack of faith and our stumbling efforts to trust You. Speak into our lives words of reassurance and grant a deep sense of peace that will carry us through this Advent season to the glorious dawn of Christmas Day. Make us open to Your coming so that we may welcome You with open hearts and willing service. ~ 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

[251 v.1]

**Your faithfulness, O Lord, is sure
In all Your words, Your gracious deeds;
You gently lift all burdened souls
And well provide for all our needs.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

CHANCEL CHOIR

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 64: 1-9 [O.T. p.694]

SERMON

“To Boldly Go”

Rev. Gillian Weighton

LIVING THE WORD

PASSING THE PEACE

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

All: And also with you.

(During this time, children and their teachers leave for Sunday School.)

SONG OF RESPONSE

“Make Way” [Renew 60]

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 27, 2016

Sun., Nov. 27	9:30 a.m.	Worship
Mon., Nov. 28	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Office Open
Tues., Nov. 29	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 11:30 a.m.	Office Open Potluck Lunch & Newsletter Prep Party
Wed., Nov. 30	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Office Open Bible Study Handbell Rehearsal <i>Food Pantry Is Closed</i>
Thurs., Dec. 1	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Office Open Food Pantry
Fri., Dec. 2	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Office Open Pastor's Day Off

Please join us next Sunday, December 4 at 9:30 a.m.
for Worship and Communion
Scripture for Bible Study and Sunday Worship—Luke 3:1-6



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

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE FOR THE FOOD PANTRY:

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30 — No Food Pantry

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1 — Denise Park, Barbara Armstrong, Vi Shufelt

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

WELCOME, ALL!

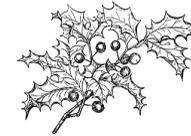
Welcome to this sanctuary.
Welcome to this time of worship and wonder.
Welcome to this family of faith.

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

Nursery care is available during worship service in Room 205.



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GET THE WEEKLY "E-VOTIONAL"

To receive our mid-week E-votional along with news about what's going on in the church, call/email the office

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Greeters: Linda Schubert, Mary Lou Schuler
Ushers: Sharon Campbell, Larry Dickerson, Martha Fusco, Jeff Leavell
Perk-n-Pour: Mary Lou Schuler, John & Linnea Brooke
Liturgist: Lissy Blandford

NEXT SUNDAY is our **Alternative Christmas Market** in Ihrman Hall immediately following worship. A Shopping List has been inserted today's bulletin so that you can see what organizations are participating.

Don't forget to visit our Craft Corner this year in the Chapel and try your hand at making jewelry and solving a puzzle! Come and do some Christmas shopping and benefit these worthy local organizations at the same time.



Join us for the **Charlie Brown Christmas Pageant** during worship on SUN., DEC. 11. Christmastime is here. Happiness and cheer! See Charlie Brown, Linus, Lucy and the rest of the Peanuts gang to discover the true meaning of Christmas.



Christmas Caroling in a Silo will be held on SUN., DEC. 11 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 Sun. Dec. 4. You can find the sign-up sheet in Ihrman Hall.

Today begins our new **Advent and Christmastide Art Exhibit** featuring **art show** photographs by Jen Severson and pottery by Sarah Severson, paintings by Ellen Cardwell, along with others.



The order forms for the **Christmas Poinsettias** can be found in today's bulletin. They will be available for order at \$13 per plant, through SUN., DEC. 11 and will be on display beginning SUN., DEC. 18. Please consider purchasing one (or more) in honor / memory of a loved one.

On TUES., NOV. 29, **Senior Gems and Deborah Circle** will work together on getting the **December newsletter and calendar** ready for mailing.



Newsletter

You are all invited for a potluck lunch that day at 11:30 a.m., after which we will stay to assemble the newsletters (and probably chat at the same time!). Bring whatever you wish to share for the light lunch - no need to fuss! Our beloved church staff members are invited to join us for the meal!



Presbyterian Women have designated MON., NOV. 28

as Grateful Monday in the spirit of holy gratitude. During that day, please take a moment to say a prayer of thanks to God for something for which you are most grateful.

#Grateful