



e-News

December 14, 2016

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*****Worship This Sunday, December 18:** We live in Hope because Christ, the Lord entered our world as the Savior for all the world. Come this Sunday to celebrate the birth, life, and ministry of the Lord Jesus in song, sermon, and worship.

At the 9:00 a.m. service you will hear, see, and share in the story of the Savior's birth and ministry through the "Advent For All" Cantata. During the 10:30 a.m. service you will experience the message of the Christ in "Our God Is Born." Come and worship Christ, the Lord this Sunday. -- Craig

From Pastor Dale: Christmas signals the fulfillment of all God's promises to his people and this Sunday I will look at "The Promise" using Luke 1:26-38 and Micah 5:1-5 as we continue our "The Light Will Shine: Live in Hope" sermon series this week. And like the Magi that brought gifts to the King...we will experience the gift of music at both of our worship services - a fitting response to the amazing love and promise our God has for us.

Come and worship with us this Sunday as we seek to live in the Light of the Christ!! -- Dale

*****Music This Sunday:**

9:00 a.m.--Chancel Choir, Glory Ringers
10:30 a.m.--Worship Band, Glory Ringers

*****Class This Sunday:**

Bible Perspectives--10:15 a.m. in Room 201

*****Mid-Week Class:**

Balancing Life's Demands--Wednesdays, 9 to 11 a.m. in the Fireside Room

*****Adult Discussion Group:**

The Light Will Shine--Tuesday at 12 noon in the Fireside Room (last class Dec. 20)

*****Council/Committee Meetings:**

Human Resources Council--Dec. 21, 8 a.m.

*****Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:**

Men's Dinner--Dec. 16, 6 p.m. at Larry's Diner, 24522 W. Lockport Rd., Plainfield
Praise Yoga--Tuesdays at 7 p.m. & Thursdays at 8 a.m. in the Narthex
Centering Prayer--Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in Room 210
Mindfulness Practice--Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room
Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study--Saturdays at 7 a.m. in the Fireside Room

*****Our Church Family.** Please add the following to your daily prayers:

Prayers of Healing for Chuck Bailey and Betsey O'Mara at Presence St. Joseph Medical Center
Prayers of Comfort for Barbara and Amanda Shafer and family on the passing of their mother, Twila Shafer, on December 10.

The Memorial Service for Twila Shafer will be held this Friday, December 16, at 7 p.m. at Woodlawn Funeral Home, with visitation at 3 p.m. to time of service.

*****From the Pastor.....Craig Herr, Senior Pastor**

"It's a time to invite others to Church." Share the hope of Christ by inviting someone to come to church in this Christmas Season. It's an opportunity for people we know to be influenced and inspired by the music, scriptures, sermon, conversation with other friends in Christ, etc. Say your prayers and invite someone this Sunday or for Christmas Eve or for both.

December 18th- "Advent For All" Cantata 9:00 a.m.

"Our God is Born" Christmas Hymns and Music at 10:30 a.m.

Christmas Eve Services- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Candlelight Service

- 7:30 p.m. Lessons and Carols Candlelight Service

-11:00 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Service with
10:30 p.m. Musicale before.

Christmas Day Service-10:30 a.m.

The Christmas Season is a time when people are more open to the love, light, and hope of Jesus, the Savior.

The Children's Choir inspired us with "Sing A Song of Christmas" last Sunday!

It was a wonderful celebration of the birth of Jesus in song, scripture and story. Make sure you thank Kristina Wilson for her ministry of music with our children. Say thanks to our children and parents for supporting this ministry.

A Time to Say Yes to Ministry. We are looking for you to say yes to being a Day Deacon or Night Deacon. Both ministries are important in the life and ministry of our church. Day Deacons visit those who are unable to attend church. Night Deacons provide coffee fellowship and lead the ushering teams on Sunday. Pray about God's calling to serve as a Day Deacon or Night Deacon and let us know.

Video Projection Ministry. We need more volunteers in the video projection room for Sunday Worship. The hymns, songs, sermon slides and video clips add an essential visual element to our worship of God. If you would like to volunteer once a month in the Video Room for Sunday services, just give me a call or e-mail craig.herr@firstpresjoliet.org. It's a wonderful way to serve and we have excellent volunteers who will easily provide the training you need to get on board.

In John's Gospel we read of Jesus, "The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it."

Live in hope this week and always! -- Craig



Parish Council and Night Deacons invite you to come and enjoy an upscale time of Christmas fellowship this Sunday, December 18th, before or after both services--from about 8:30 to 10:45 a.m. Enjoy specialty coffees and juices, with hot breakfast morsels, delicious Danish pastries and donuts... AND "Nothing BUNDTini's" ... YUM!! Let us rejoice in the Season celebrating this special time together!!

Volunteers this Sunday, December 18, 2016

9:00 a.m.

Children's Worship:

Megan Pritz

Holy Hunters:

Greeters:

Lighting the Advent Candle:

Boness Family

Ushers:

Jen Beck, Capt.;

Carol Zettergren

Paul Zettergren

Raelene Barnes

Coffee Fellowship: Pat Haldorson & Wayne Zoellick, Capts.;

Allison Herr, Marg Grohne

Sound Room: Cliff Stepina

Video Screens: Matt Blaser

10:30 a.m.

Val Koehne

Darryl McComick

Kasper Family

Colleen & Sean Yeo, Capt.;

Aubrey Herr

Lisa Ambler

Youth Group Change in Date:

We are going to "Feed My Starving Children" on Saturday, February 18, (instead of December 31). Meet at the church at 8:00 a.m. and we will travel to Feed My Starving Children for the 9-11 a.m. meal packing session. We will eat lunch together after we pack hundreds of meals for children and families in need. Transportation will be provided from the church.



Youth Group meets this Sunday evening, December 18, from 6:00- 8:00 p.m. No snow is scheduled for this Sunday! We will meet.

December 11, 2016

Worship Attendance — 232

Stewardship Report

2016-2017 Budget: \$ 792,916

Year to Date Receipts	\$493,799
Year to Date Expenses	\$479,002

2016-2017 Bequest/Gift Income Received — \$40,911