



**First
Presbyterian
Church**

e-News

December 21, 2016

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*Merry
Christmas*

For
unto
us a
CHILD
is born
unto us a **Son**
is given, and the
Government shall be
Upon His shoulders,
and His Name shall be called,
Wonderful, Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace!
Isaiah 9:6

Christmas Eve Worship
"Hope Once More"
5:30 p.m.—Contemporary Candlelight Service
with Worship Band
7:30 p.m.—Family Candlelight
Lessons & Carols
10:30 p.m.—Musical
(Vocals & Instrumentals)
11:00 p.m.—Traditional Candlelight Service
with Choir & Handbells

Christmas Day Worship
"Seeing the Light"
One service at 10:30 a.m.

*****Worship This Sunday, December 25.** This Sunday we move from Christmas Eve and candlelights... from pondering the arrival of the Messiah so long ago... to Christmas Day!! Anticipating that some will come back for a time of fellowship before our 10:30 a.m. service, we ponder what John's Gospel brings to us. For me, it is THE Christmas message. Why? Because, just like creation... "in the beginning" when God first created... we hear the words, "let there be light." Our Christmas message this Sunday is "Seeing the Light" using John 1:1-18. Together, we will look at the "true light that gives light to all." Come and join us for a service that will have both new and old songs along with the warmth of each of you to make our worship a joy! Remember, one service at 10:30 a.m. -- Pastor Dale

*****Music This Sunday:**
10:30 a.m. Special Music



The Christmas Joy Offering is taken on Christmas Eve. It is distributed as follows: 70% of the offering goes to support the Night Deacons' Food Ministries, and 30% goes to support assistance programs of the Board of Pensions and the racially ethnic schools and colleges affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Each year during the Advent and Christmas season, we turn our eyes to Bethlehem and celebrate the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ, our Savior. By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering, you honor this gift by helping to feed the hungry in our community and by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges. Please prayerfully consider your donation to this special offering. If you will not be at one of our Christmas Eve services, you can always give online (www.firstpresjoliet.org) or "text to give"-- 815-205-3044 and follow the instructions for registration.

*****Help is needed on Saturday, January 14,** to take down and store our Christmas decorations. We'll start at 9 a.m. Many helpers will make the task quick and easy, so sign up Sunday or call the office to offer your help.

*****Our Church Family.** Please add the following to your prayers this Christmas:
Prayers of Healing for Harry Cobourn and Michael Smith at Presence St. Joseph
Prayers of Comfort for Joan and Ed Schultz and family on the passing of Joan's father, William Jacques, on December 20.

The Memorial Service for William Jacques will be Tuesday, December 27, 12 noon, at Carlson, Holmquist-Sayles Funeral Home, with visitation at 9 a.m. to time of service.

December 18, 2016

Worship Attendance — 385

Stewardship Report

2016-2017 Budget: \$ 792,916

Year to Date Receipts \$505,282

Year to Date Expenses \$492,179

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

Volunteers Christmas Eve

Ushers:

5:30 pm—Megan Bauer, Capt., Lisa & Nick Kasper,
LuAnn Stepina
7:30 pm—Aubrey Herr, Capt.; Jon Belfield, Allison &
Colin Herr
10:30 pm—Allison Herr, Capt.; Carol & Paul Zettergren,
Colin or Aubrey Herr

Greeters:

5:30 pm—Barb Rodgers
7:30 pm—Joan Pocius

Sound Room: Cliff Stepina/Rich Pool

Video Screens: Todd Hayden/Dale Endres

Volunteers this Sunday, December 25, 2016

One Service at 10:30 a.m.

Greeters: Reed Mott

Ushers: Bob Rudisill, Capt.;

Coffee Fellowship: Bill Chaney, Heather McCaffray

Sound Room: Rich Pool

Video Screens: