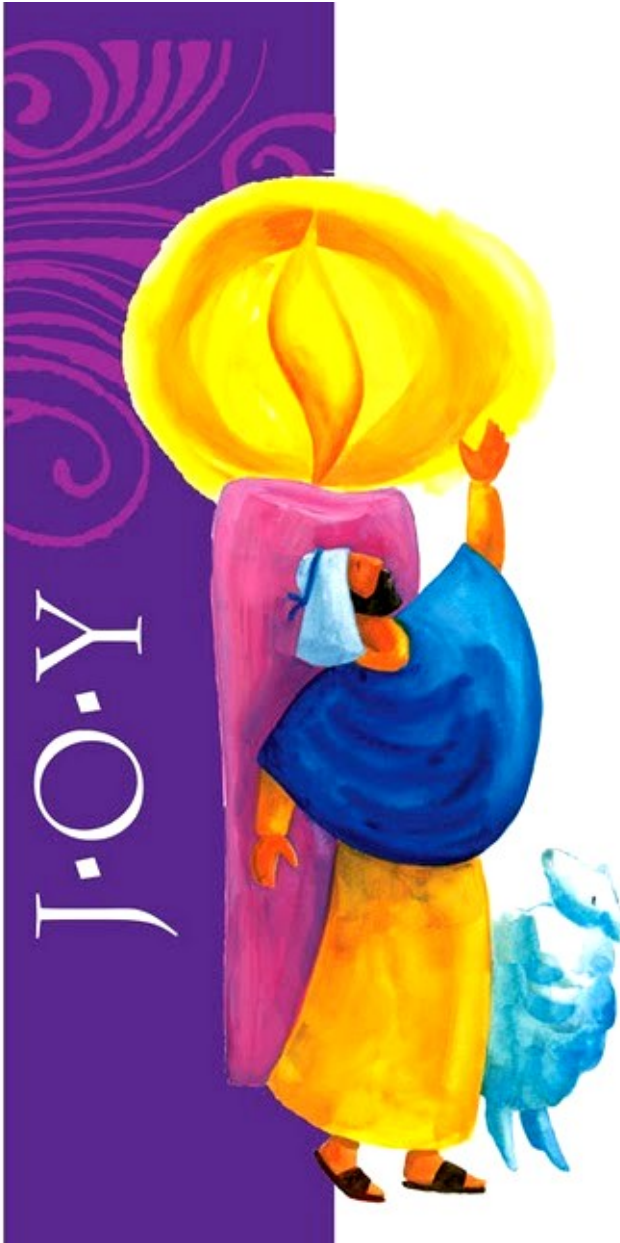




First Federated
Church of Peoria

10:00 am Worship Service
December 16th, 2018

Third Sunday of Advent



**Please stand, if able.*



Please silence cell phones.

Welcome to Worship at First Federated Church!

If You Are New to First Federated Church:

We invite you to stop by the Commons for coffee and Fellowship Hour after worship. Information pamphlets about church programs and volunteer opportunities are available.

A Handicap and Family Bathroom is located in the hallway outside the Commons on the first floor.

During Today's Worship - Questions? Ask an Usher.

Large print hymnals, individual listening devices and reading glasses are available in the Narthex for an improved worship experience. Worship also can be heard through the speakers in the Lounge and the Commons.

Worship bags, containing quiet activities, are available in the front & back of the sanctuary by the ushers' stands. Children who are attending worship in the sanctuary are invited to borrow one of these bags.

Childcare is available for your infant or small child during 10:00 a.m. worship each Sunday. The nursery is located next to the Chapel. See one of the ushers for directions.

Kids' Kingdom Sunday School is provided each week during worship. Preschoolers - 5th grade go to the chapel briefly for announcements and offering before being led to separate Sunday school rooms. 6th - 12th grade have separate Junior and Senior High events. All classes last until approximately 11:00 am. Schedule varies during summer months.

Please pass the Pew Friendship Pads so that we know your name and all worshipers have an opportunity to provide up-to-date information and sign up for special events. If you are a visitor, please be sure to give us your address so that we can send you a note.

For pastoral care, to notify the church of illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths, to pass along a prayer request, please call the church office at 685-5258 or e-mail: info@ffcpeoria.com.

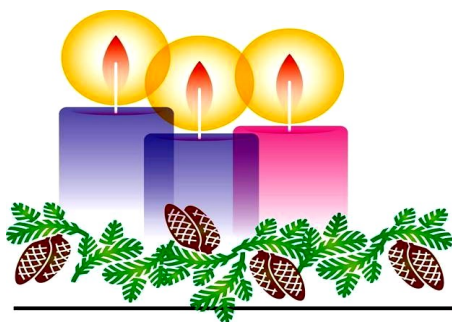
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NEWS OF THE CHURCH

Christmas Catalog Mission Moment ~ EP!C

PRELUDE

INTROIT *Come Now, O Prince of Peace*
Chancel Choir



LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Joy
The Shane and Jamie Richardson Family

CHORAL RESPONSE

Light One Candle
Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(Based on Isaiah 61)

(Unison)

Light of the world, You greet us this morning with new possibilities. Shine brightly, we pray, until we see into the dark places of this world, and into the dark places of our own lives. We want to follow You in paths of justice, speak up with You for liberty, and bend with You toward the brokenhearted, even the broken places within ourselves. We trade in our faint spirits for Your mantle of praise and with our whole being we will rejoice in You. Amen

ANTHEM

Sing Dem Herrn Michael Praetorius
Chancel Choir



— TIME WITH THE GROWING CHURCH —

Jesus once said that unless we receive the Kingdom as a child we cannot enter into it. This time spent with the youngest members of our worshipping congregation reminds us of the great truth that all of us are children of God and that all of us need to grow in wisdom and in faith.

Children of all ages are invited to come forward for a children's message. Following the Lord's Prayer all children are invited to Sunday school. Parents are welcome to accompany hesitant children. Visitors are welcome!

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All children, Preschool through 5th grade should be picked up by their parents or guardian in the following location following worship:

Preschool - Preschool Palace

Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grades - Fellowship Hall Stage

3rd, 4th and 5th Grades - Upper Room

Junior Highs (6th - 8th Grades) - Junior High Room, 3rd floor

Senior Highs (9th - 12th Grades) - Remain in worship

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GATHERING HYMN

Let Them Come

(Children please come forward during the "Gathering Hymn")

Let them come, let them come,

let the children come to me.

I have time, I have time, said the Savior tenderly.

Let them come, let them come,

please don't send them away.

I have time, let them come, let them stay.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The Rev. Dr. Forrest Krummel, Jr.

LORD'S PRAYER

(Unison)

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.

DEPARTING HYMN

Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children

(Please remain seated and sing this hymn for the children as they depart for Sunday school)

***Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children,
God is love, God is love:***

***Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children,
God is love, God is love.***

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

(All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. Therefore we join together in confession.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Unison, after a moment of silent reflection)

Merciful Savior, in our rush to Christmas joy, we confess that, like our culture, we would prefer to skip Advent's invitation to stillness, reflection, and preparation. Shiny wrappings and ornaments are more festive than looking at the ways we fall short of the call to be your people. Holiday parties and shopping conveniently blind us to the poverty of those who will celebrate your birth with neither tree nor gifts. Our busyness numbs us to the despair felt by many during this time of year. Forgive us. Come into our hearts with mercies new this morning, grace sufficient for this day, and a forgiveness that cleanses us from our guilt and sin. Amen

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*** GLORIA PATRI** *(Unison)*

No. 35

(“Gloria Patri” literally means “Glory to the Father.”)

This ancient response has been sung by the Church for nearly two thousand years.)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 12:2-6

Pg. 607

Old Testament, Pew Bible

INVITATION TO BRING OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

*** DOXOLOGY**

(Unison)

No. 46

Chalice Hymnal

*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.

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

EPISTLE LESSON

Philippians 4:4-7

Pg. 183

New Testament, Pew Bible

HYMN

In the Bleak Midwinter

(Included in the back of this bulletin)

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 3: 7-18

Pg. 55

New Testament, Pew Bible

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

SERMON

A Transactional Life

Rev. Dr. Forrest Krummel, Jr.

(Third in the Advent sermon series)

* CLOSING HYMN

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice Pg. 164

Chalice Hymnal

* BENEDICTION

(The Benediction reminds us of God's love and challenges us to live out our Discipleship in our daily lives.)

* RESPONSE

Sure-ly it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be a - fraid For the
Lord is my strong-hold and my sure — de-fense, and he will be my Sav-ior.

* POSTLUDE

HYMN

In the Bleak Midwinter

Though this text describes winter weather in England rather than in Palestine, the poet is using familiar surroundings as a means of making the Nativity more immediate and personal. The tune name honors a Gloucestershire village near the composer's birthplace in Cheltenham.

I am glad that you could worship with us today.

If you are exploring faith for the first time, seeking to reconnect with your faith, or searching for a church home and would like to learn more about First Federated Church, please introduce yourself to me after today's service. You may also call me at (309) 685-5258 X. 101 or email at fkrummel@ffcpeoria.com.

I would enjoy a conversation with you!



*Rev. Frosty
Rev. Dr. Forrest Krummel, Jr.*

TODAY'S LITURGIST

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