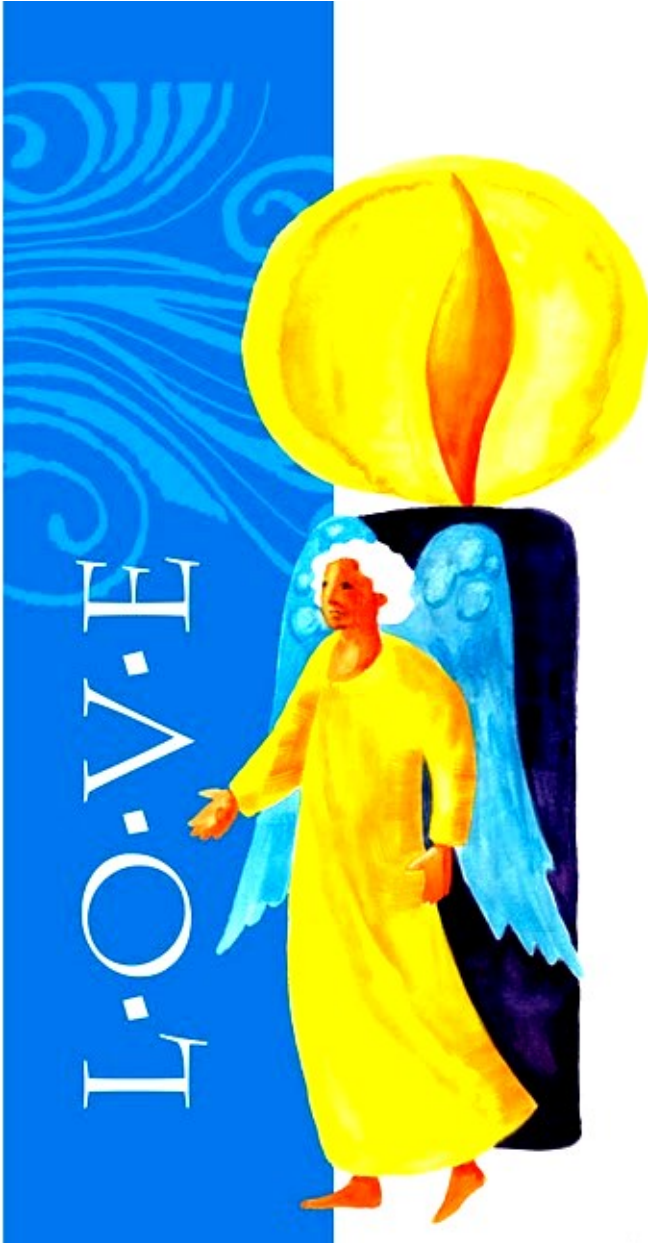




First Federated
Church of Peoria

10:00 am Worship Service
December 23rd, 2018

Fourth 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.

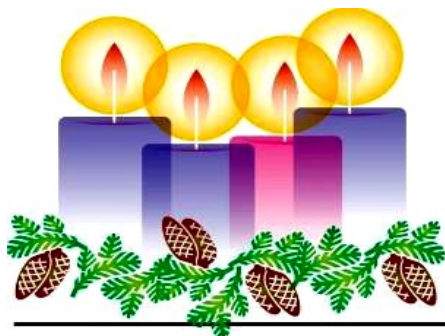
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PRELUDE

NEWS OF THE CHURCH

Christmas Catalog Mission Moment:
Crittenton Centers

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



LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Love

CHORAL RESPONSE

Light One Candle
Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(Unison)

God of Grace, Your eternal Word took flesh and dwelt among us when Mary placed her life at the service of Your will. Prepare our hearts for His coming again; keep us steadfast in hope and faithful service, that we may receive the coming of His Kingdom. Amen.

* **HYMN**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

No. 148

Chalice Hymnal

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)

God of Love Incarnate, we confess we are terrified of Your glory; for in glory's light we see plainly all that is wrong in the world: how oppression still enslaves; how garments of war are still stained with blood; how those seeking refuge still find no place of safety. We also see what is wrong in us: how passionately we

*pursue the things of this world, but forget to ponder the mystery of faith; how we do not practice the peace You intend in our relationships, our community, or even in the church. Forgive us, we pray, and help us not to be afraid. Like the shepherds, we want to follow and find You. In the Savior's name we pray.
Amen*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*** GLORIA PATRI** (Unison)

No. 35

Chalice Hymnal

(“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.



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 will return to worship with their families.

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

Jessica Sheley,
Director of Children's Ministry

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 return to their seats to worship with their families.)

***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 BRING OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *Angels from the Realm of Glory*
Chancel Bells

*** 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**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Micah 5:2-5 Pg. 816
Old Testament, Pew Bible

HYMN *Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly* No. 184
Chalice Hymnal

EPISTLE LESSON

Hebrews 10:5-10

Pg. 204

New Testament, Pew Bible

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 1:39-55

Pg. 52

New Testament, Pew Bible

ANTHEM

Magnificat
Chancel Choir

SERMON

The Hopes and Fears of All the Years

Rev. Dr. Forrest Krummel, Jr.

(Fourth in the Advent sermon series)

HYMN

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

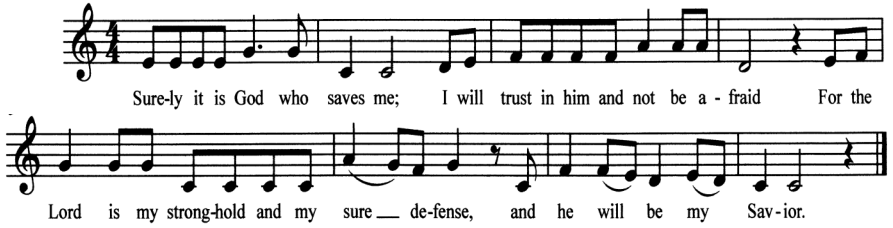
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* BENEDICTION

(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



Christmas is Tradition

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Monday, December 24th - Christmas Eve

2:00 pm

Christmas Eve Afternoon Service

5:00 pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Family Service

11:00 pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

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

SENIOR MINISTER

Rev. Dr. Forrest Krummel, Jr.

MINISTER OF PASTORAL CARE

Rev. Stephen Barch

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Jessica Sheley

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