

First Presbyterian Church
Lake Park, Iowa
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10:30am

December 30, 2018

First Sunday of Christmas

Musical Prelude

Announcements

Litany of Christmas

L/ The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all. The people who have walked in darkness have seen a great light!

C/ Glory to God in the highest!

L/ The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. Christ is born and we rejoice! Come sing to the Lord Most High!

C/ Glory to God in the highest and peace to all the world!

Hymn of Praise: # 270 Joy to the World

Opening Prayer

L/ Almighty God, you wonderfully created and by the coming of Jesus you so wonderfully restored the dignity of human nature. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of Jesus Christ who came to share in our humanity and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

C/ Amen. Alleluia!

Children's Chat

Special Music - CHOIR

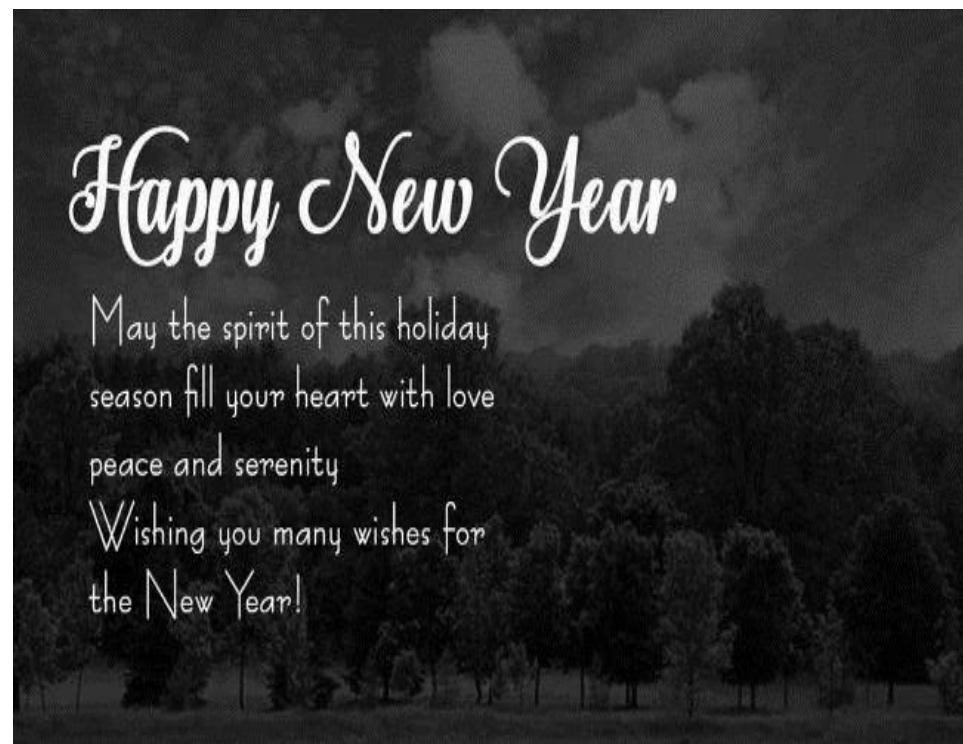
Reading of Scripture

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 111 *page 952

Canticle: # 271 Joyful, Joyful (Christmas version)

New Testament Lesson: Luke 2: 41-52 *pages 1592-93

- We are still waiting for a few End-of-Year Team Reports and would appreciate it very much if they could be turned in very soon.
- Looking Ahead: Our Annual Congregational Meeting and Pot Luck will be on January 20th, 2019.
- Lakeshore Center's Annual Scrapbook Retreat will be January 11th through January 14th, 2019. Registration Deadline is January 4th, and a complete flier with information is in the entryway. If you would like a Registration form, please contact Lynette in the office.
- Our current Schwan's Cares fundraiser goes through January 27th.
- Commercial Loan Balance \$11,855.67
- Per Capita amount for 2019 is \$41.00.**
- Everyone has difficulties. When life gets too challenging, trained counselors through NW IA Care Connections are here for YOU. Their 24/7 phone number is: 844-345-4569.
- Friday morning **Bible Study** continues every Friday at 10:00 a.m. We are studying the book of Acts. Everyone is welcome.



Affirmation of Faith: Second Helvetic Confession (1561 AD Book of Confessions 5.089)

All/ Our Hebrew forefathers had the Gospel in the writings of the prophets by which they attained salvation in Christ through faith, yet the Gospel is properly called glad and good news, in which, first by John the Baptist, then by Christ Jesus himself, and afterwards by the apostles and we their successors, is preached to the world that God has now performed what God promised from the beginning of the world, and has sent, nay more, has given his only Son and in him reconciliation with the Father, the remission of sins, and all the fullness of God unto everlasting life.

Offertory; Doxology #815
Prayer of Dedication Deacons

Joys and Concerns

Lord’s Prayer (using Debts)

Prayer of Thanksgiving (from our Reformed Heritage)

L/ With grateful hearts we praise you, O God our Father, for the wonderful gift of your Son Jesus. Send your Spirit to open our hearts that the teachings of Jesus will enter and stay, given birth in us by your Spirit.

C/ Help us to learn from the boy in the temple, the Christ who healed and taught, the man who died and rose again for us to be free. Help us to be a witness everyday to this Light Jesus who has come into the world. Help us to celebrate Jesus’ living presence among us even now. And let our hearts be at peace at His coming. (Sandy Dixon, Disciples of Christ devotional writer, 2000).

Benediction

Sending Hymn: # 277 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Ministry Leaders

Deacons: Terry Wiese and Jim Kessler

Greeters: Ken & Marvel Byers

Worship Music: Marian Tuinstra

Pastor: Rev. Tim Harmon

All members are ministers of Jesus Christ +

Attendance 12/23/18: 56

Offering 12/23/18: \$1,600.00

Christmas Eve Attendance: 75

There are 59 paid per capitas: \$37 for 2018

-HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Sherry Jansen TOMORROW, and to Shawn Harmon on January 3rd.

-HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Hap & Joann Conley TOMORROW.

-Sunday School meets at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday. Children of all ages are welcome!

-“THANK YOU to everyone for the gifts and cards. They are appreciated. Merry Christmas!” - from Pastor Tim & Heather.

-There will be a Pork Feed Fundraiser Dinner after Worship TODAY. This will be free will donation, and the money raised will go toward paying off the Commercial Loan.

-The Youth Group will be going bowling on New Year’s Eve Day from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Gunderson’s of Lake Park.

-There will be a New Year’s Day Prayer Service here at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 1st, 2019.

-Church Office will be CLOSED on New Year’s Day.

-Bits & Pieces will meet this Wednesday, January 2nd at 9:30 a.m.

-Our First Presbyterian Church Choir meets every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come sing with us!

-Our next MOBILE FOOD PANTRY will be this Thursday, January 3rd from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. We will need volunteers at 12:00 p.m. to unload truck, and at 4:30 p.m. to help with packing and carrying.

-Please bring in postage stamps (that you receive on your mail) for the Bits & Pieces Mission Project. This helps them continue this helpful and wonderful work!