



Mission Statement:

Tipton First United Methodist Church

“To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 am Service

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Paul E. Frederiksen - Pastor
Jenn Comstock - Admin. Ministries Coordinator
Sylvia Gould - Accompanist
Alice Ann Gallagher - Chancel Choir Director

Greg Brown - Director of Xn Chaos
Don Griffith - Custodian
Denise Cartwright - Choir Kids Director
Dee Wallace - Accompanist

December 21, 2014

10:30 a.m.

4th Sunday of Advent

Welcome All. We ask every one to record your name on the insert. Also read, pray and respond to the ministry opportunities on the back. Use this insert as one of your offerings.

*Please let the usher know if you'd like to try a **Large Print Hymnal**.*

***Children are welcome** in worship but we do offer a **staffed nursery** during worship for pre-school children. There are children's activity bags at the back of the sanctuary on the coat tree, and two versions of children's bulletins on the table.*

The () invites persons to rise as able for this act of worship.*

Numbers in the 2,000's are in the small, black song book - The Faith We Sing, Otherwise numbers are from The Hymnal, the red, hardbound song book. (CCLI License# 3112810)

PRELUDE

"The First Noel"
Lighting of the Candles

Sylvia Gould
Ringing of the Bell

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES@

Reader : Come, Lord Jesus.

ALL: COME, LORD JESUS. AMEN.

* SING

"When Christmas Morn Is Dawning"

No. 232

* PRAYER

Gracious God, your vision of peace and wholeness comes to us in sweeping revelations and in tiny signs of hope.

Kindle our hearts that we may be a hopeful people.

Keep us from growing weary of waiting, lest we miss the glory of your appearing.

Even so, come quickly, O God. **Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS... and the Power of Persistent Intercession!

Call to Prayer

"Doxology"

(tune No. 218; "Carol")

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures, here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Prayers of the People

"The Lord's Prayer"

HEBREW BIBLE READING

2 Samuel 7:1-11 & 16

CHILDREN'S LESSON

Berrie Glick

(Pocket change collected in the copper kettles each week is given to missions.)

ACT OF PRAISE “In the Bleak Midwinter” Men’s Group

* A JESUS STORY Luke 1:26-38

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE “Is It Okay If We Go Back To ‘God Is Weird?’” @

(@ = from a Fall 2013 series based on *Weird* by Craig Groschel)

GIVING TITHES and OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

“Silent Night”

Men’s Group

(The ushers will bring the offering forward during the prayer.)

* THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison) (Romans 16)

God of Angels and Peasants; Virgins and Births:

You spoke promises through the prophets. In time, you revealed your glory in Jesus Christ. Strengthen us in faith to trust and follow your will today. May these offerings support the ways our church exhibits your steadfast love for all generations. And, God... give us enough love that we tell our neighbors about you. Amen.

* SENDING FORTH Titus 2:11-13

L: For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all,

P: training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions,

L: and in the present age

P: to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly,

L: while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

* SONG of CELEBRATION “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” No. 218

ANNOUNCEMENTS: How We’ll Each Put Hands & Feet To The Gospel This Week
Always use a microphone so everyone may be included. Thank you.

POSTLUDE

@ Confirmation Students reading and lighting the Advent wreath today include:
Frank Bierman, Landon Hill, Madison O’Leary

December 21 Sunday Servants:

Special Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent; Liturgist: Gail Fleming; Acolytes: Caleb Shumaker & Adam Heil; Power Point: Alec Heil-Create and run; Video: McKinney Family; Nursery: Jennifer, Zoe, & Drew Comstock; Ushers: Renee & Murry Mente, Abbi Eicher; Fellowship Coffee: Brad & Bobbie Lieser, Larry & Kathy Houstman; Greeters: Steve & Cheryl Person; Children's Lesson: Berrie Glick;

December 28 Sunday Servants:

Liturgist: Alec Heil; Acolytes: Volunteers ; Power Point: Carmen Hoffman-Create and Run; Video: Ruel Wehde; Nursery: A willing volunteer is it you?; Ushers: Renee & Murry Mente, Abbi Eicher; Fellowship Coffee: Karen Strefling, Murry & Renee Mente, Rick & Heidi Shumaker; Greeters: Kris Clark and Danny Ford; Children's Lesson: Deanna Licht; Flowers: Berrie Glick

PRAYERS

Hospitalized/Procedures:

Rev. Gene Miller (pastor here prior to 1978) @ UIHC
Healing: Joyce Abbot (Candi Duesenberry's mom), Kathy Carson (J Reidel's sis), Joe Cheshareck (G.Fleming's bro-in-law,) Darlene (Marjorie Stonerook's sister), Melissa Davis, Jean Heil (Brian's mom), Arlene Hein, Betty Hopkins (Deb Bothell's mom), Rex Idlewine, Ken McKay, Lillian (Deb Bothell's grt-grand-dau), Edna Miller (J Ohrt's sister), Marvin Miller, Jim Shontz, Charlotte Wagaman (Bert's g'dau.), Gary Taylor, Carolyn Wiggins (S. Gould's sis), and others under care or treatment.

Prayers for those in Life Transitions:

Kingston Matthew Person, son of Camille & Travis, was born Dec. 16 !! (There's a "life transition"!)
 Velma Hubler who is currently at Crestview Care Center in West Branch.

Persons/people persecuted for religious convictions
 Persons uprooted due to "natural" and/or "human" disaster; and those who are called to help.
 Families struggling with the impact of drug and alcohol abuse or other addiction.

Couples/Families searching for the way forward.

Persons & families of incarceration;

Persons in employment limbo;

In Treatment: Wally Reidel, Carol Cartwright(Jack's sis,) Barb Knack (B. Cummin's sis), Oscar Wilson

Hospice/Palliative Care: Elmer Flory, Henry Wiskus

Armed Services: Thomas Brown (Seydel's son-in-law), Sean Hannes, Billy Hoffman, Kyle Marchik, Corey Ormsby, Mike Ploeger (McKinney's Nephew), Jake Reidel, Cole Weih

Attendance: Worship - 128; Sunday School - 79. General Fund \$4,225.11, Apportionments \$100.00, The Story \$46.00, Copper Kettle \$53.09, Christmas Offering \$415.00, Thanksgiving Offering \$20.00, Angel Tree \$50.00, Grand Total \$4,909.20,

This week:

Sun. 12/21: 8:30am No Choir Kids, 9am Confirmation, 9am G.I.G., 9am Sunday School, 10:30am Worship, 12:30pm Private Party, 2:30pm Service of Long Shadows, 5pm Christmas Caroling

Mon. 12/22: No Little Friends Preschool, 6:30pm Xn Chaos rehearsal

Tue. 12/23: Meeting of The Holy Folders, No Little Friends Preschool, 2pm Prairie Hills Program

Wed. 12/24: Christmas Eve, Office Closed, Christmas Eve, No Little Friends Preschool, 3:30pm Christmas Eve Service, 10pm Christmas Eve Service

Thu. 12/25: Christmas Day, Office Closed, Christmas, No Little Friends Preschool

Fri. 12/26: Office Closed, No Little Friends Preschool

Sat. 12/27: 11am Shared Blessings

Sun. 12/28: 8:30am No Choir Kids, 10:30am Worship