

March 1, 2015



THE BIRTH OF THE KING

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
Alice Ann Gallagher - Chancel Choir Director
Sylvia Gould - Accompanist
Dee Wallace - Choir Kids Accompanist

Greg Brown - Director of Xn Chaos
Don Griffith - Custodian
Denise Cartwright - Choir Kids Director
Jamie Bahr - Xn Chaos Keyboard

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Chapter 22 of THE STORY

10:30 A.M.

“The Birth of the King”

We're glad you're here. If you've not been here before, relax. We aren't going to ask you to stand up and introduce yourself or anything like that. If you're new to First, we do have print materials on the table at the back of the main level of the worship center... or just ask someone.

If children are with you, that's wonderful. Jesus loves children and so do we. You might sit near the front so the children can see and hear everything. There are children's activity bags on the coat tree at the back of the sanctuary; and children's bulletins on the table. We do offer a staffed nursery for pre-school children during worship if you'd prefer to use it for part or all of the service. The easiest way to get there is go have an usher provide an escort.

In each program is a half-sheet insert. Please fill it out and use it for an “offering” at that time of the service.

Beverage and light refreshments are offered in the dining room, in the lower level, at the conclusion of worship. Everyone is welcome!!

PRELUDE	“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”	Sylvia Gould
Lighting of the Candles	Ringling of the Bell	

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP

* Singing Together “Love Has Come”

ANTICIPATION? Isaiah 60:1-6

A Time for YOUNG DISCIPLES Sara & Penny Webb
(Pocket change collected in the copper kettles each week is given to missions.)

ACT OF PRAISE “Hear the Joyful Sound” Chancel Choir

* According to the Early Scribes John 1:1-14
L: This is the Word of our Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE “He Looks (and smells?) Like Any Baby”

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING “Setting A” Hymnal p.17
The Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

In the name of Christ, all persons are invited to participate in the meal! If you're not able to come forward, please ask a person near you to inform the servers; or a neighbor can bring bread and a cup to you. Please bring your offering with you when you come, and place it in the plate, located on the outside end of the front pew. As the serving begins, the chancel Choir will sing "Come to the Table."

* PRAYER OF COMMITMENT (unison)

God of infinite patience and compassion, we pray that today we will offer not only our gifts of money, but also the gift of Self. We realize in this holy season that we too rarely deny Self in living our discipleship. We risk little and sacrifice even less. Our prayer is that this Lent, we might find the faith and courage to love you more than life itself. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

* THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

L: Jesus' birth is not the result of a scandal -
P: Jesus' birth is a scandalous solution - for the sins of humanity!
 L: God is good ... **all the time;**
 All the time... **God is good!**

* SONG "On Christmas Night"

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



THE STORY makes a distinction between the 'what' of religion and the 'who' of a relationship with Jesus Christ. The Jews were familiar with a religion that demanded them to do all sorts of things, keep all sorts of laws and rules, perform certain acts.

Isn't most of our life today about what we do? We meet someone and we ask what they do. We get up we go to work. We try to be a good mom; a good dad. We set goals. Much of our life might be directed by an invisible, perhaps even implicit set of expectations that we couldn't name if our life depended on them!!! That's life in the Lower Story.

Jesus enters the world. Now it's not about what humans can do or what we can perform. It's about believing; believing that Jesus is the water which satisfies; the source of new birth which makes us content and whole. Jesus connects us with the Upper Story, a story of grace and life and hope.

March 1 Sunday Servants:

Acolytes: Meredith Coppess & Avary Calonder; Power Point: Brian Heil-Create & Run; Nursery: Chris & Kiley Schultz; Ushers: Karen & Heather Strefling, Kim Cross & Twyla Hein; Fellowship Coffee: Jane Moen & Paul Frederiksen, Kim Cross & Twyla Hein, Steve & Cheryl Person; Greeters: Tom & Mary Ehresman; Children's Lesson: Penny & Sara Webb

March 8 Sunday Servants:

Liturgist: Daniel Family, Acolytes: Danica Rippentrop & Hanna Schmidt, Power Point: Alec Heil Create & run; Video: Jane Moen; Nursery: Vicki Daniel; Ushers: Karen & Heather Strefling, Kim Cross & Twyla Hein; Fellowship Coffee: Ron & Lois Salmonson, Deb Eisele, Dawn Spickerman; Greeters: Allan Charette & Deb Conant; Children's Lesson: Dusty Johnson

PRAYERS

Hospitalized/Procedures: Keith Wood @ St. Luke's

Healing: Joyce Abbot (Candi Duesenberry's mom), Wanda Berner, Joe Cheshareck (G.Fleming's bro-in-law,) Darlene (Marjorie Stonerook's sister), Wayne Eisele (Mike's father), Pat Fankhauser, Jerry Gallagher, Berrie Glick, Jean Heil (Brian's mom), Arlene Hein, Rex Idlewine, Calvin Kuehl, Erma Lyle, Ken McKay, Mackenzie Salmonson, Jim Shontz, Ray Steinberg, Charlotte Wagaman (Bert's g'dau.), Gary Taylor, Alberta Wagaman, Carolyn Wiggins (S. Gould's sis), and others under care or treatment.

Prayers for those in Life Transitions:

God's gentle peace to the families of Edna Miller (J Ohrt's sister) died Thursday the 26th Dee Wallace whose mother, Dorothy Gerdner, of Burlington, died Feb. 20; and in Michigan, Kathleen Trombley, mother of Colette Crock, died Feb.20. Griffin Tauke & family; his teacher Carrie Glick and 2nd grade classmates as Griffin deals with terminal cancer
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, Barb Knack (B. Cummin's sis), Melissa Bliss(wife of D. Cartwright's nephew),

Hospice/Palliative Care: Elmer Flory, Mabel Lamp, Henry Wiskus,

Armed Services: Thomas Brown (Seydel's son-in-law), Sean Hannes, Kyle Marchik, Corey Ormsby

Attendance: Worship - 103; Sunday School - 75. General Fund \$1722, Copper Kettle/One Great Hour \$315.42, Fat Tuesday \$450 Grand Total \$2487.42

This Week:

Sun. 3/1: 2nd Sunday of Lent, 8:30 am Choir Kids (Sanctuary), 9am Confirmation, 9 am G.I.G., 9 am Sunday School, 10:30 Worship, 2:30 Shane Claiborne @ Iowa Wesleyan, 4:45 Haiti mission mtg (GP)

Mon. 3/2: 6:30 GS Daisy Troop (#4218) (rm111) 6:45 pm Creative Worship

Tue. 3/2: 4:00pm Communion @ Prairie Hills, 6:00 Daisys (from last week)

Wed. 3/3: 10:00am Pastor @ Bible Study, 4:30pm Grief Group (113), 6:00pm G.I.G (113), 6:00pm G.I.G (Johnson's), 6:15pm Youth Group, 7:00pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)

Thu. 3/4: 9:30 am Communion @ Cedar Manor 10:00am G.I.G (113), 6:30pm Xn Chaos

Sun. 3/8: 3rd Sunday of Lent, DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME STARTS!, 8:30am Choir Kids (Sanctuary), 9:00am G.I.G (BR), 9:00am Sunday School (All Ages), 10:30am Worship (Sanctuary), 2:30pm KFC (DR), 6:00 Dominoes (DR)