

NEWS & Notes

Wednesday, November 30

Deacons Meeting @ 7 pm

“Hanging of the Greens”

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5:00pm (Note change of time and date)

Sunday, December 4th

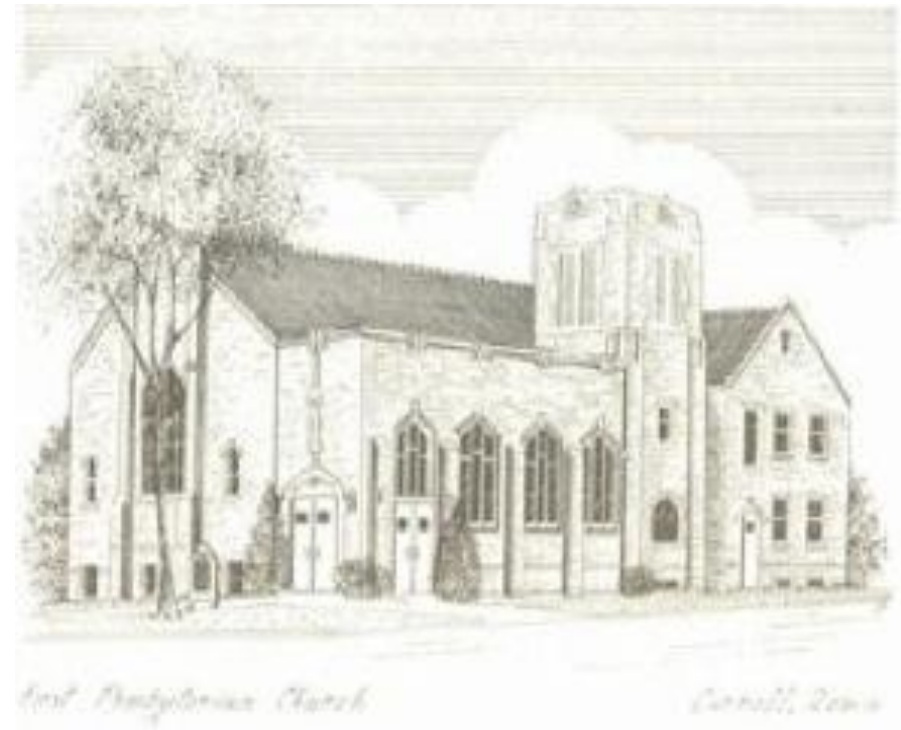
Greeters – Harry and LaVonne Baumhover

Usher – John Zimmerman

Offering – Jim and Becky Venner

First Presbyterian Church

Carroll, Iowa



November 27th, 2011

Rev. B.J. Ukena

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 27, 2011

Carroll, Iowa

10:00 a.m.

THE PRELUDE

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Thuggerson

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAISING OUR CREATOR GOD

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come away from times of weariness and dare to accept the energy God offers to you.

ALL: Restore our energy, O Source of power and let your goodness flow through us.

Leader: Come away from your distractions and let God show you what He is doing.

ALL: Help us to examine our lives and reveal to us what is really important.

Leader: Leave the scorn of skeptics behind and dare to laugh with those who have laughed at you.

ALL: Help us to think of others as you do, that we may find grace and peace in Emmanuel, in whom you have come to us.

***HYMN No. 9**

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The candle for the First Sunday of Advent represents “HOPE”

CONFESSING OUR NEED TO BE FORGIVEN

A CALL TO CONFESSION (Leader): How often we have chosen evil rather than good in our lives, with results that shame us. Listen! God is waiting to give pardon to all whose decisions have erected barriers that come between us and him.

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL): Loving Father, you have called us to be reflections of your grace, but we have been judgmental instead of gracious. We too often condemn in others that which we hide in ourselves. We close our ears to others’ pain and don’t try to understand the source of their tears. We avoid those who are angry or embittered by their situation in life with no attempt at empathy. Yet, you come to us without our deserving it and offering your gracious and unfettered love. Forgive us, Lord, and hear these, our prayers:

(a quiet moment for our personal prayers)

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God always keeps his promises. He promised one who would save us from our sin, and has sent his Son Jesus to win us back to himself.

ALL: Through our savior, Jesus Christ, we are reconciled to our God and forgiven. Let us give God the glory which is his due.

RESPONSE HYMN No. 485:1

“To God be the Glory”

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD TO US

A PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 7:10-16

THE EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 1:1-7

*THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 1:18-25

THE SERMON

“A Savior? Who Needs One?”

Pastor B. J. Ukena

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

***SINGING WHAT WE BELIEVE: Hymn No. 148** *“At The Name of Jesus”*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING OUR GIFTS OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

The Offertory

“Shepherd’s Pastoral”

Wilson

***The Doxology: No. 593 (-Avery & Marsh version)**

***The Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn No. 20**

“Watchman, Tell Us Of the Night”

*THE COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

***RESPONSE HYMN No. 29** (refrain, only) *“Go, Tell It On The Mountain”*

THE POSTLUDE

“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

Smith