

Caring Corner

DEATH

Sally Griggs, long-time former member of First Church, passed away on Wednesday, December 14th in Naples, Florida. A memorial service will be held here at First Congregational Church on Tuesday, December 27th at 3:00 PM in the Chapel.

IN THE HOSPITAL

Scott Damuth – recovering after surgery

John Sgarlata - recovering after surgery

Scott Wittig – recovering after surgery

IN OUR PRAYERS

Chris & Lucy Hantzsch as they mourn the passing of Chris' mother, Anita Hantzsch.

Pete & Patty Reddy as they mourn the passing Pete's mother, Grace Reddy.

Cathy & Gary Kebbekus as they mourn the passing of Cathy's mother, Ruth Leef.

CONGRATULATIONS

Melissa Greipp and Jonathan Koenig who were married here at First Church on Saturday, December 10th.

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The Congregational Home, founded as an extension of the mission of the First Congregational Church of Wauwatosa, creates and maintains a caring community for the elderly offering housing, health care and quality of life services.

President/COO – Charles Nelson, R.N., M.S. Chaplain – Rev. Joseph Phillips, Board Chair – John Dragisic

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WAUWATOSA

Christmas Sunday Worship ~ December 25, 2016 – 10:00 AM

**Indicates where the congregation is asked to stand, if able.*

*Please silence your cell phones. If you are a guest this Sunday, we would love to greet you following the service.
Everyone is invited to Coffee & Cookies in the Atrium following the service.*

TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND THE GREETING OF PEACE

Rev. Bill Trump

THE PRELUDE

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

~Setting by Lorie Line

Paul Kwiecien, harmonica

CHIMES

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Trump

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song;

People: For the Lord has done marvelous things!

Leader: Christ the Lord is born today!

People: O come, let us adore Him!

*HYMN 107

Joy to the World, verses 1, 2 & 4

ANTIOCH

*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION and THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

Lord, our God, we come to you today, this Christmas Day, to celebrate the birth of your Son, Jesus. In the mystery of Jesus' humble birth in a stable you have shown your great love; but you have also shown us your divine power. We are in awe of you! You are our God, full of surprises as you reveal yourself to us. Holy is your Name! Through the birth of Jesus you have come to help us, shown by your care for us. We thank you for the new life you give us and the renewed hope you offer us in Jesus whose birth we celebrate this morning with joy. Hear our prayer inspired by your Holy Spirit, as we pray in Jesus' name the prayer which He taught us...

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.

*THE GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 558)

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.

Children and Youth remain in worship with their families.

THE LESSON

Luke 2:1-20

Bible, page 933

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Birthday of the King

W. H. Neidlinger

Dr. Patrick Dill - soloist

THE MESSAGE

“Becoming”

Rev. Dr. Barry W. Szymanski

CAROL MEDLEY

I Heard the Bells

I heard the bells on Christmas day, Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat of peace on earth, goodwill to men.

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King, peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!” Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies.
With the angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

In the Bleak MidWinter

What can I give Him, Poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my part; Yet what I can I give Him - Give Him my heart.

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born! While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night, Be hold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.
Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born!

THE CALL TO PRAYER and TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER and ORGAN RESPONSE

THE OFFERTORY

There Are Angels Hov'ring Round

arr. Uzee Brown Jr.

*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 563)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN 121

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

*THE CHARGE and BENECTION

*THE POSTLUDE

Deck the Hall - Postlude on The Christmas Carol

Jean Pasquet