

The Federated Church of Wauconda

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Director of Music/Organist..... Geri Meyer
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**We Welcome you to
THE FEDERATED CHURCH OF WAUCONDA**

January 14, 2018

We are committed to God through Christ to enrich the world
through worship, mission, witness, and service.



My eyes have seen your salvation. You prepared this salvation in the presence of all peoples. It's a light for revelation to the Gentiles and a glory for your people Israel. Luke 2:30-32

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "We Are Called" David Haas

Opening Prayer Pastor Crystal

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Words of Affirmation (From James 5)

**Call to Worship*

Father in Heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan, you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant thy have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, One God, in glory everlasting.

**Opening Hymn* "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" No. 57
(Please Sign Attendance Sheets)

Children's Message Pastor Jason

**The Lord's Prayer* No. 895

**Passing of the Peace*

Choir Anthem "All That I Am" William Himes

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

**Prayer Hymn* "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" No. 2158

First Scripture Reading Isaiah 52:7-10

Prayer of Preparation

Second Scripture Reading Mark 1:1-11

Sermon "The Beginning of the Gospel" Pastor Jason

Offering

**Offering Response* "The Doxology" No. 95

**Closing Hymn* "God Is So Good" No. 2056

**Benediction*

**Postlude*

Cathy Mate, our Minister of Prayer, is available for prayer after service.

WORSHIP GUIDE FOR THE WEEK

This guide is prepared for you with the words of songs and scriptures used in today's service. We encourage you to read through them as the week progresses as part of your personal devotions.

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION (From James 5)

Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of a messenger who proclaims peace, who brings good news, who proclaims salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God rules!" Listen! Your lookouts lift their voice; they sing out together! Right before their eyes they see the Lord returning to Zion. Break into song together, you ruins of Jerusalem! The Lord has comforted his people and has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm in view of all the nations; all the ends of the earth have seen our God's victory.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 1:1-11

The beginning of the good news about Jesus Christ, God's Son, happened just as it was written about in the prophecy of Isaiah: Look, I am sending my messenger before you. He will prepare your way, a voice shouting in the wilderness: "Prepare the way for the Lord; make his paths straight." John the Baptist was in the wilderness calling for people to be baptized to show that they were changing their hearts and lives and wanted God to forgive their sins. Everyone in Judea and all the people of Jerusalem went out to the Jordan River and were being baptized by John as they confessed their sins. John wore clothes made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey. He announced, "One stronger than I am is coming after me. I'm not even worthy to bend over and loosen the strap of his sandals. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

About that time, Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River. While he was coming up out of the water, Jesus saw heaven splitting open and the Spirit, like a dove, coming down on him. And there was a voice from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I dearly love; in you I find happiness.”

CHOIR ANTHEM **“*All That I Am*”** William Himes
(Chorus) All that I am, all I can be, all that I have, all that is me, accept and use, Lord, as You would choose, Lord, right now today. Take every passion, every skill, take all my dreams and bend them to your will. May all I give, Lord, for You I’ll live, Lord, come what may.
1. Often I come with my problems and cares, running to you when distressed. But I must bring you the whole of my life; Lord I must give you my best. (Chorus)
2. Life has no purpose unless it is Yours, life without You has no goal. All that fulfills me is doing Your will, knowing that You’re in control. (Chorus)
All that I am.

OPENING HYMN **“*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*”** No.57
1. O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!
2. My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.
3. Jesus! The name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; ‘tis music in the sinner’s ears, ‘tis life, and health, and peace.
4. He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free; his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.
5. He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive; the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.
6. Hear him, ye deaf, his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ, ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.
7. In Christ, your head, you then shall know, shall feel your sins forgiven; anticipate your heaven below, and own that love is heaven.

PRAYER HYMN **“*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*”** No. 2158
1. I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus keep me from all wrong; I’ll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.

(Refrain) Just a closer walk with thee, grant it Jesus is my plea, daily walking close to thee: Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

2. Through this world with toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. (Refrain)

3. When my feeble life is over, time for me will be no more; guide me gently, safely over to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore. (Refrain)

CLOSING HYMN ***“God Is So Good”*** No. 2056

1. God is so good, God is so good, God is so good, God’s so good to me.

2. God cares for me, God cares for me, God cares for me, God’s so good to me.

3. God loves me so, God loves me so, God loves me so, God’s so good to me.

4. God is so good, God is so good, God is so good, God’s so good to me.

Further Reading: Today we are looking at the story of John the Baptist and the baptism of Jesus from the book of Mark 1:1-11. This story can also be found in Matthew 3:1-17, Luke 3:1-22 and John 1:6-7, 15-34. The Second Scripture Reading mentions prophecies regarding John the Baptist. They can be found in Malachi 3:1 and Isaiah 40:3

OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Worship service – 9:30am; Sunday School (Sept. – May) – 9:45am;
Fellowship – 10:30am

PRAYER MEETINGS

Our prayer meetings are a time to gather with other believers to lift our needs and our praises to God. We meet on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Thursdays of each month at 7:00pm.

OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN

BIBLE STUDY SERIES

Join us for one of our Bible Study series called Bible Story Cafe. We have two Bible Study classes on Monday mornings at 10:00am and Tuesday evenings at 6:00pm.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

WAUCONDA CARE SERVICE – Jan. 24

A Wauconda Care Sing-along is held on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 3:00pm. Meet at Wauconda Care, just off Rt. 176, at 2:45pm if you'd like to help pass out songbooks and greet the residents before the fun begins. Join us on January 24 as we bring the worship of God in song to the people at Wauconda Care.

ANNUAL MEETING – Jan. 28

The annual meeting will be held on January 28. Please plan to attend. This meeting is very important in the life of our church. It is an opportunity to celebrate the blessings and accomplishments of the past year and discuss plans for the upcoming year. We will vote on a slate of officers and committee members and approve the proposed budget. Come and celebrate with us and be a part of the very important decisions that affect the future of our church. The meeting will begin shortly after the regular Sunday church service. This year our meeting will be chaired by representatives of American Baptist Churches of Metro Chicago.

2018 COMMITMENT CARDS

If you haven't turned in your commitment card yet, please prayerfully consider what you can give your church in 2018. There are additional cards on the table by the window if you need one. You can put it in the offering plate any Sunday, drop it off, or mail it to the church office.

2018 GIVING ENVELOPES

If you have not yet picked up your weekly or monthly giving envelopes, please see Judy in the office and she will get one for you.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP

COFFEE WITH PASTOR

Start your week off right with a time of fellowship with friends from the church. We meet every week on Monday at 8:00am at the Wauconda Café on Rt. 176. Join us for coffee, breakfast or just good conversation.

UN-HANGING OF THE GREENS – Today!

Please stay after worship today and help us pack away the Christmas decorations.

FOCW – Jan. 22

Our next regular meeting will be at 7:00pm on Mon., Jan. 22. Join us and help choose our projects for the rest of the year. Learn more about our proposed "Christmas Memories" publication. The Fellowship of Christian Women (FOCW) usually meets the last Monday of each month at 7:00pm from August through May. All women of the church are invited.

SUPER SENIORS LUNCHEON – Jan. 24

Join us for our next Super Seniors Luncheon on January 24 at 12:00pm at the church. We will have the food catered. Please sign up by Jan. 17.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS

Anyone who would like to have flowers on the Altar in memory or honor of a loved one, a friend, or a special occasion, contact Ann Petersen at 847-526-9005 or the church office at 847-526-8471. The cost of an arrangement is \$12.50.

OUT OF OFFICE

Pastor Crystal will be on vacation from January 14 through January 22. The secretary's office will be closed on January 22.

TAKE A GOOD LOOK AROUND

Keep your eyes open for missing people. If you notice that someone has not attended for a few weeks, pick up the phone and let them know they are truly missed. Or, let Pastor Jason know if you are concerned about someone's absence.

SHUT-IN VISITS FROM PASTOR

If you know of a member of our church or a family member that could use a visit from Pastor Jason, please let him know.

ATTENTION NEW COMMITTEES MEMBERS

Please remember that, if you agreed to be on a Commission or Committee in 2018, February is the starting month. Please let the office know if we don't have your correct email address. We hope to see you at the meetings – your input is needed!

CONTINUED PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

Pete Ambrosio, Florence Burton, Donna Gallmeyer-Dixon, Howard Ficht, Mickie Kisselburg, Marion Knoff, Scott Matthews, Lisa Morrison, Laura Peroutka, Dolores Prusinski, Martha Stanger, Mike Striker, Arb Swanson, Dorothy Wheelock, Linda Wicker, Lisa Wineski, Brian Zinkel

FREE WIRELESS INTERNET

Feel free to use our wireless internet: fcowguest

| CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR – JAN. 14 - 21 | | |
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| TODAY: Jan. 14 | 10:45 am | Fellowship Meeting |
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| MON: Jan. 15 | | Beacon Deadline |
| | 8:00 am | Coffee with the Pastor |
| | 9:00 am | Senior Exercise |
| | 10:00 am | Bible Study |
| | 7:00 pm | Federated Board Meeting |
| | 7:00 pm | AA Meeting |
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| TUES: Jan. 16 | 6:00 pm | Bible Study |
| | 7:00 pm | Choir Practice |
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| WED: Jan. 17 | 6:00 pm | T.O.P.S. |
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| THURS: Jan. 18 | 7:00 pm | Prayer Meeting |
| | 8:00 pm | Alanon Meeting |
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| FRI: Jan. 19 | | |
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| SAT: Jan. 20 | | |
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| SUN: Jan. 21 | | |

LAY MINISTRIES: Next Sunday – January 21

Worship Assistant..... Lou Ann Kozderka
 Ushers..... Dick Bode, Bonnie DeBoer, Heidi Leo, Mindy Taylor
 Acolytes..... Angela Batson, Gabriella Stephens

