

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of BUREAU

"I will praise you forever for what you have done; in your name I will hope, for your name is good. I will praise you in the presence of your saints." Psalm 52:9

Celebrating Advent

*L – Today we think about PEACE. Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers." We speak of God's beautiful vision for his creation by using the Hebrew word **shalom**. It will be the time of peace and plenty for all of creation when war is past. Yes, God wants us to be peacemakers. I light this first candle of Advent and name it HOPE. I light this second candle of Advent and name it LOVE. And now I light this third candle of advent and name it PEACE.*

Congregational Prayer:

God of shalom, we know that you want us to be peacemakers. Forgive us for the many times we create conflict and not peace. Bless our nation with your vision of peace. Strengthen us with your wisdom and Spirit as we seek peace in your world. We will always hope for peace, using love as our best way to achieve it. Hear us as we pray in the name of the Prince of Peace.

Hymn 165 ~ When God Is a Child (vs. 1, 2 and 4)

Praises and Prayer – Loving Our Father & Lifting One Another

"The LORD your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing." Zephaniah 3:17

Present our Offerings unto the LORD

"Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation." Psalm 95:1

(Please Rise as Able to Sing the Doxology – Page 34)

Hymn 12 Green Book ~ It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Message

Pastor John Gray

The Last Child in Line, William D. Kennedy

Hymn 10 Green Book ~ O Little Town of Bethlehem

Benediction

****Please stand as able for all hymns****

~ Go in God's blessing and remember, as you leave this place, you are entering the mission field! ~

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Third Sunday of Advent – Peace

Worship Service — 9:00 a.m. — December 16, 2018

Greeter – Mary Miller

Liturgist – Marilyn Burkman

Ushers – Mary Miller and Marilyn Burkman



JOIN US

- Sundays** 9 am – Worship Service
10 am – Fellowship, Coffee & Refreshments (Sept. – May)
10:30-11:30 am – Sunday School for All Ages
(Sept. – May)
- Fridays** 4-5:30 pm – Kids Klub (Sept. – March)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have any additions to the bulletin, please call, text or email:
Allison Thompson cell 815-303-4670 ~ email@mybureauchurch.org

- **December 23** – Christmas Program Candlelight Service, 7 pm
- **December 24** – Christmas Eve Service, Tiskilwa Church, 9 pm
- **January 9** – Women's Fellowship, 6:30 pm,
Hostess: Marilyn Burkman
- **January 13** – Provide Committee Reports to Marilyn
- **January 15** – Church Annual Meeting, 7 pm
- **January 23** – Church Board Meeting, 7 pm

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