

Postlude "Easter Song" Anne Herring  
All music in our bulletin is protected under CCLI#1409680

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Church phone number	815-335-2051
Pastoral Cell	815-742-7503
Attendance	103
Offerings	\$4856.22

2018 per capita is \$36.34 **per member**, collected to date \$1790.21

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SHARING THE WORD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

*Every member a minister...*

Accompanist / Choir Director	Michelle West
Trumpet	Dr. Carroll Smith, Phyllis Hogberg
Projectionist	Volunteer
Ushers	Jim Mitchell, Dave Nichols, Chuck Rittmeyer
Greeters	Volunteers
Acolytes	Thea & Tianna Mitchell

***Our Mission Statement***

To be a community of believers that love and follow God,  
love and support others,  
and offer Jesus Christ to the world.

Our vision statement is posted in the lower hallway.

First Presbyterian Church  
Winnebago, Illinois  
April 1, 2018  
10:30 a.m.

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Liturgical color is white for the redemptive work of Jesus Christ

**PREPARING FOR THE WORD**

Prelude "He's Alive" Carol McMillen

Introit "Christ Is Risen" Mark Hayes

Welcome/Announcements

Call To Worship: **Responsive Reading**

Leader: On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb.

**People: They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.**

Leader: While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them.

**People: In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead?"**

Leader: He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee:

**People: The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again. Then they remembered his words.**

**Announcements**

Our Church Website: <http://www.thewfpc.org>

All groups meet at the church unless otherwise specified.

**Pastor Carroll** is in the office on Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning. His email is: [pastor1@thewfpc.org](mailto:pastor1@thewfpc.org)

**Session** will meet on Monday at 7 p.m.

**Choir** will meet on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

**Youth Group** is going to the Rockford Rescue Mission on Friday April 13, time TBA. We will meet at the church, then go to the mission, where we will serve food, have pizza and play games with the residents. Let Stephanie Freimuth know if you are attending.

**Workcampers** are selling Anna's Bucks again this year. Please see Jake Smith, Logan Gray, or Barb Whitney.

**Remember or honor loved ones** by sponsoring flowers and/or bulletins. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board. Bulletins are \$20 / Flowers are \$15 (1) or \$25 (2) arrangement(s).

**Sesquicentennial Celebrations** If you know someone who grew up attending The First Presbyterian and would like to attend some of our Sesquicentennial events please notify Bev Samsel at: [bpsamsel@gmail.com](mailto:bpsamsel@gmail.com), 815-335-2892 or 815-871-8969.

**Looking ahead...**

April 8 - Children's choir sings  
April 15 - Chancel Choir performs  
April 22 - Puppets perform

# Easter Lilies

*In honor of...*

<i>Jim &amp; Bev Barker</i>	<i>Our Grandchildren</i>
<i>Jamie &amp; Kylie Gray</i>	<i>Our Children</i>
<i>Lynn &amp; Sue Jansen</i>	<i>Our Family</i>
<i>Lisa Mitchell</i>	<i>Our children, Steven &amp; Julia</i>
<i>Dr. Carroll &amp; Mary Anne Smith</i>	<i>Our Grandchildren</i>
<i>Ralph &amp; Debra Storey</i>	<i>Our Grandchildren</i>

*In memory of...*

<i>Norm Dean</i>	<i>Melanie Dean</i>
<i>Lynn &amp; Sue Jansen</i>	<i>Family</i>
<i>Dixie Leden</i>	<i>Clark "Skip" Leden</i>
<i>Mary Lee</i>	<i>Loved Ones</i>
<i>Faye Reed</i>	<i>Bob Reed</i>
<i>Alta Straley</i>	<i>Family</i>
<i>Mike &amp; Michelle West</i>	<i>Ronald Fisher, Bernadine West</i>
<i>Bev Williams</i>	<i>Loved Ones</i>

*Easter lilies and Madonna lilies symbolize virtue, innocence, hope and life, while commemorating the resurrection of Christ and the hope of eternal life in heaven.*



*Bulletins today are sponsored by:  
Jan Merchant in honor of her Family and Friends*

**Unison: On this Easter Sunday morning, we enter into worship with grateful hearts that remember the words of Christ. We will celebrate Christ's Resurrection with joyful praise and singing that will bring glory and honor to the Lord. Amen and Amen.**

\*Hymn "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" #123

Prayer of Confession: **Unison Prayer**  
**Heavenly Creator, on this Easter Sunday I confess my wrongdoings and ask for your forgiveness for my waywardness. Cleanse me and make me holy in your sight so that I can live my life in a manner that is pleasing to you. In the name of the Christ I pray, Amen.**

Apostles Creed pg. 14

Assurance of Pardon: **Unison Reading**  
**Praise the Lord! I am forgiven through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ my Savior. His love, mercy, and grace cover me as I begin my life anew in His promises of a fresh beginning. I claim forgiveness and pardon in Jesus name, Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri #579

Anthem "An Easter Hodie" Don Hustad

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Unison Prayer concluding with The Lord's Prayer

**Wondrous Savior, we give you thanks for the many blessings and joys that you provide us. Along with the joys for which we are so appreciative, we bring our concerns to you because your holy word tells us that we are to place our cares and burdens before you. Precious Lord, you have heard the concerns and we ask for your healing touch to bring recovery from illness, sadness, grief, and pain. Encourage us through your Holy Spirit so that we can receive your love, comfort, mercy, and grace.**

**We are sincerely grateful for your goodness in our lives and that is why we pray as you taught your disciples to pray...**

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings

“I Will Rise”

Christ Tomlin

\*Doxology

#592

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Unison prayer**

**Majestic and Wondrous Lord, you are worthy of all our praise. Thank you for your blessings and the opportunity to show our appreciation through our tithing, gifts, and offerings that we give cheerfully and generously. Please help us to show your love and grace to others through our time, skills, and talents. We pray in Jesus name and for His glory, Amen.**

\*Hymn

“Christ Is Alive!”

#108

Passing of the Peace

Children’s message: “Birdlife in Wington, Easter Spirit”

Susan Gambrel

### **RECEIVING THE WORD**

Scripture:

Luke 24:1 - 8

pg. 1077

Message: “Easter Brings Everlasting Assurance”

Dr. Carroll Smith

### **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

Leader: This wondrous Easter Sunday allows us to approach the Lord’s Table with gratefulness and praise because we can celebrate Holy Communion with the church universal. Everyone that believes in Christ as Savior is welcome at the Lord’s Table. This morning we celebrate Holy Communion with our hearts filled with joy as we follow our Lord’s example and show the world that we declare Jesus as Savior.

***Unison:* We enter into this celebration with hearts filled with appreciation because Christ has made us worthy through the brokenness of His body and the shedding of His Blood. We eat this bread and drink this cup with love and thankfulness in our hearts. We ask that our celebration at the Lord’s Table will give glory and honor to Christ and His Church.**

Blessing of the Bread and Cup

Receiving of the Holy Communion

Prayer after Communion:

**Unison Prayer**

**Lord, thank you for your sacrifice so that we may partake in Holy Communion. Bless us with holiness and help us to share your Everlasting Son-Shine. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.**

\*Hymn

“May the Lord Mighty God”

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### **“May the Lord Mighty God”**

May the Lord Mighty God

Bless and keep you forever.

Give you peace, perfect peace;

Strength in every endeavor.

Lift up your eyes and behold his grace

And His strength forever.

May the Lord Mighty God

Bless and keep you forever.

Benediction

**Unison Reading**

**May the glorious Easter Son-Shine radiate in our daily lives. May the love and grace that became available when Jesus rose from the dead empower us to help others to hear the words of Everlasting Son-Shine. Amen and Amen.**