

“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.
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Rummage Sale Info

Doing Spring cleaning? Finding items you don't need?
The church rummage sale needs your donations!

Please drop off your items at the church April 24-26 in the
mornings 9 a.m. till noon or evenings after 5:30 p.m.

Please do not bring items any earlier,
there is no storage space for them.

**No organs, piano's, T.V.'s or
computer equipment will be accepted.**

If you need items picked up call Barb Whitney at 815-335-1048

Rummage Sale hours will be:
April 27 & 28, Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
April 29, Saturday from 8-11 a.m.

Volunteers are needed to work the sale, contact Barb Whitney
Thank you for supporting this year's work campers!

**First Presbyterian Church
Winnebago, Illinois
April 2, 2017
10:30 a.m.**

Liturgical color purple is for the season of penitence & preparation

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude

Introit “Lamb of God” Lloyd Larson

Welcome/Announcements

Call To Worship: [from Psalm 103] **Unison Reading**
Praise the Lord, praise his holy name and remember all his benefits. The Lord forgives all our sins and heals all our diseases. The Lord honors his people and crowns us with love and compassion. Therefore, on this wonderful day of worship, I give praise and thanks to my Savior Jesus Christ.

*Hymn “To God Be the Glory” #485

Prayer of Adoration and Confession: **Unison Reading**
Heavenly Creator, I give you honor and gratitude for the blessings that you have given me. Thank you for allowing me to ask for the forgiveness of my transgressions. I ask for mercy and grace in the holy name of Jesus, my Savior, Amen and Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness: **Unison Reading**
Almighty God, please allow your redeeming grace to make me holy through the perfection of Christ Jesus our Lord. In faith, I am made clean and receive my pardon through the sacrifice he gave on Calvary. Amen and Amen.

Announcements

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

All groups meet at the church unless otherwise specified.

Fellowship today is hosted by the Deacons and Brent and Carrie Pollard, please join us after the worship service.

Pastor Carroll will be in the office Monday and Wednesday afternoons. His email is: pastor1@thewfpc.org

Session will meet on Monday at 7 p.m.

Choir will meet on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Lenten Service and Soup Suppers are this Wednesday, April 5, at the Evangelical Church, soup supper at 6 p.m., service at 7 p.m., and here on Thursday, April 13. Soup Supper start at 5:30 p.m., Lenten service starts at 6:30 p.m.

Anna's Bucks are available for \$10 each, see Kaitlyn or Kaleigh Freimuth, or Barb Whitney.

Remember or honor loved ones by sponsoring flowers and/or bulletins. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board, or contact Susan Gambrel at 815-262-4626.

Looking ahead...

April 5 - Community Lenten service at the Evangelical Fellowship

April 9 - Palm Sunday / Children's choir

April 13 - Maundy Thursday Lenten Service / Choir

April 16 - Easter / Choir

RECEIVING THE WORD

Scripture: 2 Peter 1:3 - 11 pg. 1236

Message: "Heavenly Focus Improves Earthly Benefits"
Dr. Carroll Smith

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Leader: This Lord's day we approach the Lord's Table with gratefulness and praise because we can celebrate Holy Communion with the church universal. We express our sincere gratitude to Jesus our Savior for His wondrous love that allows us to have forgiveness of sin. This morning we celebrate Holy Communion with our hearts filled with joy. We follow our Lord's example and we show the world that we declare Jesus as Savior.

People: We remember the great sacrifice that Jesus made so that we are given grace, mercy, forgiveness, and salvation. 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.

Unison: We eat this bread and drink this cup with love and thankfulness in our hearts. We proclaim Christ's saving power with deep gratitude and admiration. We lift up our hearts to Christ our Lord and offer thanks for His sacrifice so that we have the blessing of salvation. We ask that our celebration at the Lord's Table will give glory and honor to Christ and His Church.

The Blessing of the Bread and the Cup: Luke 22:19-20

*Gloria Patri

#579

Anthem "Amazing Grace My Chains Are Gone" J. Koerts

Baptism of Charlotte Mae Pollard

Prayer of Blessing **Unison Prayer**
Heavenly Creator, as we consider the wonders of your creation, we are amazed and appreciative of the awesomeness of parenthood. Bless Carrie and Brent in a very special way so that their lives will show forth your love as they nurture Charlotte from childhood to adulthood. Also, Lord, you have given us the wonderful privilege of being a part of Charlotte's upbringing. Help us to be a proper example and an inspiration to this wonderful little girl that we have dedicated to you and baptized into your heavenly family. Please bind Charlotte to yourself in the covenant you made in her baptism. It is for your glory that we make all of these requests in Jesus name. Amen.

Welcome to Charlotte from the congregation **Unison Reading**
With joy we welcome Charlotte into Christ's Church and into the Winnebago Church Family. Amen and Amen.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn "Majesty" insert

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings

*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. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Majesty

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty.

1 Chronicles 29:11

Maj - es - ty, wor - ship His maj - es - ty. Un - to

Je - sus be all glo - ry, hon - or, and praise. Maj - es - ty,

king - dom au - thor - i - ty Flow from His throne un - to His own;

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MAJESTY
Irregular



*Flowers and bulletins sponsored by Lynn & Judie Coots
in honor of their Anniversary*

His an - them raise. So ex - alt, lift up on high the name of

Je - sus. Mag - ni - fy, come glo - ri - fy Christ Je - sus, the King.

Maj - es - ty, wor - ship His maj - es - ty-

Je - sus who died, now glo - ri - fied, King of all kings.

EASTER LILY SALE

The worship committee is selling Easter lilies for the cross in the sanctuary. These are beautiful double stemmed plants.

Turn orders into Susan Gambrel.

If you have any questions please call her at 815-262-4626.

Orders due are by April 10.

Name: _____

I would like to order _____ lily plant(s) @ \$16.50.

Total paid _____

Make Checks payable to: First Presbyterian Church

In memory / honor of:



Prayer after Communion: **Unison Prayer**
Heavenly Creator, thank you for your grace that makes us worthy to celebrate Holy Communion. You have renewed us through your Holy Spirit and we lift clean hearts and joyful voices because we are forgiveness and made holy in your sight. Keep us steadfast in your holy pathway in our daily walk with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn "May the Lord, Mighty God" insert

Benediction

Postlude

All music in our bulletin is protected under CCLI#1409680

Church phone number	815-335-2051
Pastoral Cell	815-742-7503
Attendance	65
Offerings	\$1575.00

SHARING THE WORD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Every member a minister...

Accompanist / Choir Director	Michelle West
Projectionist	Rachel Rittmeyer
Ushers	Jim Mitchell, Dave Nichols, Chuck Rittmeyer
Greeters	Steve & Barb Whitney
Acolytes	Grace & Joe Erb