

First Presbyterian Church
Winnebago, Illinois
April 5, 2015
10:30 a.m.

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude "Crown Him With Many Crowns" George Job Elvey

Introit "He Is Lord" D.M.

Welcome/Announcements

*Hymn "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" #123

Apostles Creed pg. 14

Call to Confession **Unison reading**
Lord, I confess that I have sinned by following my own thoughts instead of yours. Without you I will lose my way and I ask for your forgiveness for my waywardness. Help me to have a willingness to seek your will and to live my life in a manner that is pleasing to you.

Assurance of Pardon **Unison reading**
On this Easter Sunday I am forgiven through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. His love, mercy, and grace cover me as I begin my life anew in His promises of a fresh beginning. I claim this pardon in Jesus Name, Amen.

*Gloria Patri #579

Announcements

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

Our Prayer request email: first-pres-prayer@googlegroups.com

All groups meet at the church unless otherwise specified.

Session will meet on Monday at 7 p.m.

Choir will not meet this week.

Rockford Rescue Mission Our night to serve at the Mission is this Friday at 6 p.m. If you are interested, please call the church office.

Anna's Bucks are for sale at \$10 each. Help raise funds for the mission trip, see Kaitlyn Freimuth or Barb Whitney.

Per Capita is \$35.61 per member. Collected to date \$2053.30

Questions? During our time of transition Session asks that you contact them with questions, problems etc. Call Rick Carr at 815-742-4446 or Ted Busch at 815-979-3333 after 5 p.m.

Please keep in prayer:

Paula Price. Clyde Grover. Matt Mitchell.



Workcamp 2015 Ocean View Delaware

Last chance to join our 2015 Workcamp Team! We have one opening for a high school student to join this year's mission trip, where we will be repairing homes for elderly, low income, and disabled citizens. Our team currently consists of Kaitlyn Freimuth and Dillon Melin with adult chaperones Stephanie Freimuth, Tyler Busch, and Barb Whitney. Contact Barb Whitney (815-335-1048).

Workcamp Rummage Sale

We are currently making plans for our annual rummage sale. If you would be able to help with set-up, pricing, and/or working the days of the sale, please contact Barb Whitney (815-335-1048).

Work Camp Shares

Workcampers will be selling shares for \$10 each starting in March. Shareholders will receive a postcard from a camper and an invitation for our shareholder dinner where we will share our camp experience and pictures. See Barb Whitney or Kaitlyn Freimuth.

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

*Hymn "The Day of Resurrection!" #118

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings
"In Christ Alone" Keith Getty

*Doxology #592

*Prayer of Dedication

RECEIVING THE WORD

Scripture: Luke 24:1 - 12 (NLT)

Message: "A New Beginning"
Pastor Carroll Smith

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Pastor: Easter is the celebration of the resurrection of Christ our Lord. Easter Communion has extraordinary meaning for Christians. We commemorate the rising of our souls because Jesus bought our redemption. Before us is the Lord's Table. It is open to all who confess Christ as Lord and Savior. By acknowledging Him as Redeemer, we show the world that we seek to follow His pathway.

People: **We enter Easter Communion with humble hearts. His sacrifice has made us worthy through the brokenness of His body and the shedding of His Blood.**

Pastor: The Lord shared the last supper with His disciples and provided the example to follow. Our obedience helps us to remember the price required for forgiveness of sins and salvation to mankind.

People: **We eat this bread and drink this cup proclaiming the Lord's saving power. With thanksgiving, we offer the Lord grateful praise.**

Pastor: Lord, we lift up our hearts to you and give thanks for your sacrifice.

People: We lift our hearts to Christ the Lord and give thanks for the blessing of redemption.

Pastor: Serving of the Bread and Cup Luke 22:19-20

Receiving of the Holy Communion coming forward

Unison Prayer: Lord, thank you for renewing us in Holy Communion. On this Easter Sunday bless us with holiness and help us to share the good news of salvation. Help us live our lives with sincere commitment, renewed hearts, and refreshed minds. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn "Lord, Make Us More Holy" #536

Benediction **Unison reading**
May the Lord help us to be God's chosen witnesses to testify that Christ is risen and that we have a new beginning through Him. May the Holy Spirit empower us to help others experience this new beginning for the glory of God. Amen.

Postlude "You Are Crowned With Many Crowns" Mark Hayes
All music in our bulletin is protected under CCLI#1409680

SHARING THE WORD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Every member a minister...

Accompanist / Choir Director	Michelle West
Projectionist	Jake Smith
Ushers	Chuck Rittmeyer, Skip Leden, Dave Nichols
Greeters	Norm Dean, Roger Christin
Acolytes	Evan & Alec Weavel

Annual Rummage Sale



Doing Spring cleaning? Finding items you don't need?

The church rummage sale needs your donations!

Drop off your items at the church:
April 20, 21 and 22 in the mornings or
in the evenings after 6:30 p.m.

Shop Thursday and Friday 9 a.m.- 6 p.m.
or
Saturday 9-noon

***Please* do not bring items any earlier
as we do not have storage space for them.**

NO computers, T.V.'s, organs or piano's will be accepted.

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

Thank you for supporting this year's work campers!

Church phone number
Attendance / Offerings

815-335-2051
100 / \$1888.00

Looking ahead...

April 12 - Pastor Carroll / Children's Choir

April 19 - Pastor Carroll / Chancel Choir

April 26 - Pastor Claire / Puppeteers



Today's Easter Lilies are courtesy of:

Jim and Bev Barker

Ted and Kristy Busch

Rick and Betsy Carr

Lynn and Judie Coots

Norm Dean

Gene and Annie Gambrel

Skip and Dixie Leden

Judy Mitchell

Faye Reed

Greg and Lisa Rittmeyer

Sheree Sensel