

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.

First Presbyterian Church
Winnebago, Illinois
August 13, 2017
9:30 a.m.

Liturgical color is green for Ordinary Time

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude "God of Grace" Getty and Rea

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship: [from Psalm 50; Luke 1:78] **Unison Reading**
From the rising of the sun ... God speaks, calling out to the earth. Even with the setting sun ... God speaks, reminding us that we are not alone. At the beginning of each new day ... God speaks, calling us to life and service. As we gather for worship this morning God speaks, inviting us to love others as Christ loves them. We ask God to speak to us so that we can be a people of love, faith, and truth. Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord. Amen.

*Hymn "O Worship the King" #476

Call to Confession: **Unison Prayer**
Gracious Creator, I enter your courts with praise and thanksgiving and humbly ask that you cleanse me with your forgiveness. Renew my heart with your purity so that I can display your goodness and allow me to be instrument of your son's love and grace. In Christ's name I pray. Amen.

Announcements

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

All groups meet at the church unless otherwise specified.

Pastor Carroll will be available Monday morning and Tuesday afternoon this week. His email is: pastor1@thewfpc.org

Ruth Circle will meet on Tuesday starting at 1:30 p.m. Please read the book of Hebrews. Faye Reed and Alta Straley are your hostesses.

PW Co-ordinating team will meet on Tuesday at 3:30 p.m.

Wanted: As summer slips away, we begin preparations for the upcoming Sunday school year. Many of our dedicated teachers are returning and we are very thankful! We know that everyone has many demands so we would love to have co-teachers in each class. As a co-teacher you only need to teach every other Sunday, we are in need of 6 co-teachers. Call Stacy Weavel if you are interested at 815-289-7686. I think you will find it fulfilling and rewarding.

Summer music Labor Day Sunday is still open for special music.

CWS Kits Program is doing well thanks to everyone's ongoing help. Over 36 school kits, 2 hygiene kits, and 1 clean-up bucket are complete. Many kits only need one or two items. Each kit is marked with the items that are needed to complete it. We are exceeding the goals for each style kits. Your contributions are appreciated.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn "Lord Make Us More Holy" #536

Benediction

Postlude "Lead Me Lord" Becker

All music in our bulletin is protected under CCLI#1409680

Church phone number 815-335-2051

Pastoral Cell 815-742-7503

Attendance 77

Offerings \$2335.00

SHARING THE WORD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Every member a minister...

Accompanist Lorita Ooyen

Special music Paula Price

Projectionist Rachel Rittmeyer

Ushers Norm Dean, Jim Morrison, Chuck Rittmeyer

Greeters Matt & Thessa Mitchell

Acolytes Thea & Tianna Mitchell

Looking ahead...

September 10 - Rally Sunday followed by a potluck fellowship

Assurance of Pardon: **Unison Reading**
With Christ's assurance, I receive the mercy and forgiveness that only He can provide. I will delight in the love of God and I will praise Jesus for His sacrifice. Thank you Lord for your wondrous mercy and grace that allows me to be pardoned from sin. In your holy name I pray, Amen.

*Gloria Patri #579

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Special music

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings
"Change our Hearts" Cooney

*Doxology #592

*Prayer of Dedication **Unison prayer**
Precious Savior, we are thankful for all that you have generously given to us. Bless these gifts so that your message of love and hope is shared with those that need to know you as Savior. In your holy name we pray, Amen.

*Hymn "Fairest Lord Jesus" #306

Passing of the Peace

RECEIVING THE WORD

Scripture: Genesis 1:3 - 5 pg. 1

Message: Pathway of Truth Series:
"A Good Beginning"

Dr. Carroll Smith