

Looking ahead...

September 8 - Open house and Organ & Piano concert

September 9 - Rally Sunday, Sunday school starts

September 9 - 150th Celebration worship service

September 9 - 150th Celebration luncheon

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.

SHARING THE WORD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Every member a minister...

Accompanist	Michelle West
Special music	Marilyn Larsen
Projectionist	Rachel Rittmeyer
Ushers	Greg & Chuck Rittmeyer
Greeters	Joyce Hanson, Jan Merchant

Church phone number	815-335-2051
Pastoral Cell	815-742-7503
Attendance/Offerings	53/\$2435.00

2018 per capita is \$36.34 **per member**, collected to date \$2169.23

**First Presbyterian Church
Winnebago, Illinois
August 19, 2018
9:30 a.m.**

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. His email is pastor1@thewfpc.org

Ruth Circle will meet on Tuesday starting at 1:30 p.m. After circle, PW officers will have a meeting.

Deacons will meet on Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Choir rehearsals start on August 29 at 7 p.m. All are welcome to join! We rehearse on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and perform on the first and third Sundays. However in September our first performance will be on Rally Sunday, September 9.

School supplies drive PW is partnering with the school district to gather school supplies for those in need. Lists are available on the table in the hall, donations are due by August 31.

Hors d'oeuvres Please share your delicious hors d'oeuvres at the Open House prior to our special Organ and Piano Concert, Saturday, September 8th. A sign-up sheet and instructions are posted on the bulletin board in the hall. Questions? Please contact Marian at 815-335-2457.

Reservations for the Sesquicentennial dinner need to be in by this Saturday, August 25.

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).

Liturgical color is green for Ordinary Time

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements/Did You Know...

Call to Worship: [from Psalm 1]

Responsive Reading

Leader: Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers,

People: but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers.

Unison: For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, ... and this morning we gather for worship so that the Lord may speak to us about being a people of love, faith, truth, and blessing to others. Praise the Lord. Amen.

*Hymn

“As the Deer”

insert

Call to Confession: **Unison Prayer**
Heavenly Creator, I offer you my praise and gratefulness, but I recognize my imperfections and humbly ask that you grant me your mercy and forgiveness. Renew my mind and purify my heart so that I can display your love and grace in my daily walk with you. In Christ's name I pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness and Pardon: **Unison Reading**
Great and wonderful God, I have asked for mercy and forgiveness with humility and sincerity. In faith, I know that I have been granted compassion and forgiveness. With deep appreciation I accept the wondrous grace and pardon that only Jesus can provide. In your most holy name I pray, Amen.

*Gloria Patri #579

Special music

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Unison Prayer concluding with The Lord's Prayer
We give thanks to the Lord for the blessings and joys that we have been given. Our lives have been enriched because of God's love and grace. Loving Savior, we have presented our concerns to you with faith and confidence because you promised to hear and answer us when we petitioned you with the cares of life. That is why we pray as you taught your disciples to pray..

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings

*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 "How Great Is Our God" insert

"How Great Is Our God"

Chris Tomlin

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty,
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at his voice, trembles at his voice. **(chorus)**

Chorus:

How great is our God, sing with me,
How great is our God, all with see,
How great, how great is our God.

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands,
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end.
The Godhead, three in one: Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, The Lion and the Lamb **(chorus)**

Name above all names, worthy of all praise,
My heart will sing, how great is our God.
Name above all names, worthy of all praise,
My heart will sing, how great is our God.

Passing of the Peace

RECEIVING THE WORD

Scripture: Psalm 1:1-3:6 pg. 555

Message: Celebration 150 Series:
"Adding to Your Blessings"

Dr. Carroll Smith