

First Presbyterian Church  
Winnebago, Illinois  
August 23, 2015  
9:30 a.m.

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## Announcements

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

Our Prayer request email: [first-pres-prayer@googlegroups.com](mailto:first-pres-prayer@googlegroups.com)  
(prayer request cards are now available on the table in the narthex)

## PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude “All Hail The Power of Jesus’ Name” Page

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship : Psalm 100:1 - 5 Unison reading

**Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

\*Hymn “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” #260

Prayer of Confession: The Lord’s Prayer

Assurance of Pardon: Unison Prayer  
**God’s love is steadfast and endures forever. His mercy and forgiveness covers all my errors and sins. I have confessed my faults and failures and in faith I accept the pardon that the Lord promised. In Jesus Name, Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri #579

## Please keep in prayer:

Dee Swigart. Paula Price.

All groups meet at the church unless otherwise specified.

**Office hours** for Pastor Carroll will be Wednesday and Thursday.  
His email is: [pastor1@thewfpc.org](mailto:pastor1@thewfpc.org)

**Teachers meeting** Pastor Carroll would like a brief teacher’s meeting after the worship service today.

**Needed** one or more people to teach our high school Sunday school class, and possibly be involved with the junior and senior high youth group. See Stephanie Freimuth.

**School Kits and Clean-up buckets** There is a table in the hall for the collection of materials for the School Kits and clean-up buckets. School bags have been sewn and there is fabric and a pattern for more, these are the most requested item from CWS.

**Missional Analysis Process** (MAP) is a structured process where all can participate in determining the shape and direction of plans to grow the church and enhance its ministry initiatives. We will soon engage in the MAP process together to begin our discussions concerning how the Lord desires the church to plan for the future.

**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 \$30 (2) arrangement(s).

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*Hymn "Go With Us Lord" #535

Benediction **Unison Reading**  
**Go as God's witness and imitate our Savior every day. Share the joy of living for Christ by offering to others kindness and peace through the Holy Spirit.**

Postlude "Postlude in D" Simper, Ryan

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 48  
Offerings \$1140.00

**SHARING THE WORD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD**

*Every member a minister...*

Accompanist Karen Neimeier  
Projectionist Kaitlyn Freimuth  
Ushers Chuck & Greg Rittmeyer  
Greeters Paul & April Haefflinger  
Acolytes Michael Cunningham, Jason Luna

Sharing of Joys and Concerns.....concluding with **Unison prayer**  
**Loving Savior, thank you for the joys and blessings that you have given us. Also, we share our thanks that we can bring our concerns to you. We have presented our joys and concerns to you with faith and confidence because you promised to hear us and answer us when we petitioned you with the cares of life. We entrust these requests to you so that your love, mercy, healing, and grace can be manifested in all of our lives. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.**

Special music

\*Hymn "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" #383

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings  
"At The Name of Jesus" Wagner, Zundel

\*Doxology #592

\*Prayer of Dedication **Unison Prayer**  
**Loving Creator, thank you for the opportunity to praise you through giving financially to your Kingdom. We have given tithes, offerings, and gifts this morning so that your gospel can be shared with our community. Give us wisdom and help us to share your blessings and your grace through our time, talent, and efforts. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

**RECEIVING THE WORD**

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:10 - 16 pg. 1232

Message: "Unused Potential"

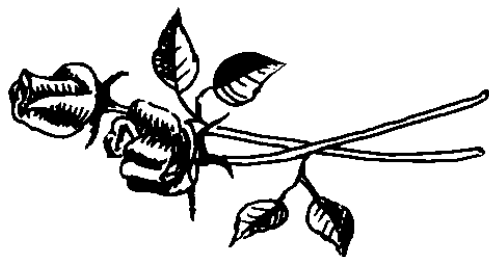
Dr. Carroll Smith

## Looking ahead...

August 30 Dr. Carroll Smith

September 6 - Pastor Claire Brenneka

September 13 - Rally Sunday, special combined service



*Flowers today are sponsored by:*

*Hank & Sue Kaufman in honor of their 60th Anniversary*

*Bulletins today are sponsored by:*

*Norm Dean in memory of Melanie Dean*