

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...

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| Accompanist | Karen Niemeier |
| Projectionist | Renee Rittmeyer |
| Ushers | Jim & Rita Mitchell, Chuck Rittmeyer |
| Greeters | Terry & Christie Schweitz |

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| Church phone number | 815-335-2051 |
| Pastoral Cell | 815-742-7503 |
| Attendance | 52 |
| Offerings | \$1345.00 |

First Presbyterian Church
Winnebago, Illinois
August 26, 2018
9:30 a.m.

Liturgical color is green for Ordinary Time

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude "Nearer, My God, to Thee" Robert Lau

Welcome/Announcements/Did You Know?

Call to Worship: [from Psalm 103] **Responsive Reading**

Leader: Praise the Lord's holy name. Praise the Lord because He forgives all your sins

People: The Lord heals all your diseases, redeems your life, and crowns you with love and compassion,

Leader: The LORD is gracious and abounds in love. As far as the east is from the west, God has removed our transgressions from us.

People: Our Creator remembers that we are dust and that our live are fragile. But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love and righteousness extends to our children and to their children.

Unison: I thank God that I am able to gather this morning 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 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" #263

Announcements

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

All groups meet at the church unless otherwise specified.

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

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.

Free Retinal Screening, September 5 in Winnebago The Lions mobile retinal screening unit will be coming to Winnebago. This unit will be conducting FREE retinal screening on Wednesday, September 5 from 9 a.m.- Noon at Snyder's Pharmacy located at 101 Landmark Drive. The mobile screening unit is sponsored by the Winnebago Lions Club and the Lions of Illinois Foundation, and is made possible through your donations to Lions. The screening takes less than 5 minutes. A reservation is not necessary.

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).

*Hymn "Jesus Loves Me" #304

Passing of the Peace

RECEIVING THE WORD

Scripture: Psalm 1:1 – 3 & 6; II Peter 1:5 – 11 pg. 555;1236

Message: Celebration 150 Series:
Adding to Your Blessings, part 2
Dr. Carroll Smith

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn "Lord Make Us More Holy" #536

Benediction **Unison Prayer**
God has spoken this morning and added to our heavenly blessings. As we leave this service, let us walk in God's pathway of truth and show others the way that they may receive God's blessings. Amen, Amen.

Postlude "Voluntary in F" Robert Lau

All music in our bulletin is protected under CCLI#1409680

*Bulletins today are sponsored by:
Betsy Menge in memory of Mildred Menge Canestrare*

Call to Confession: **Unison Prayer**
Gracious and Holy Creator, I am grateful for your love and mercy. I recognize my sins and humbly ask that you grant me forgiveness. Help me to be holy so that I can display your love and grace in my daily walk with you. In Christ's name I pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: **Unison Reading**
Marvelous and magnificent Creator, I have requested mercy and forgiveness with humility and sincerity. In faith, I know that I have been forgiven and with great thankfulness I accept the wondrous pardon that only Jesus can provide. In your most holy name I pray, Amen.

*Gloria Patri #579

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
"Glory and Grace" Ruth Elaine Schram
*Doxology #592

*Prayer of Dedication **Unison prayer**
Precious Savior, we are appreciative of the generosity given to us. Bless these gifts so that your message of grace and hope is shared with those that need to know you as Savior. In your holy name we pray, Amen.