

First Presbyterian Church
Winnebago, Illinois
August 7, 2016
9:30 a.m.

Liturgical color is green for Ordinary Time

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude

Introit "Jesus Love Of My Soul"

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship

Responsive Reading

Leader: From the rising of the sun ... God speaks, calling out to the earth.

People: At the beginning of each new day ... God speaks, calling us to life and service.

Leader: Even with the setting sun ... God speaks, reminding us that we are not alone.

People: As we gather for worship this morning God speaks, inviting us to love others as Christ loves them.

Unison: We ask God to speak to us so that we can be a people of love and faith. Praise the Lord!

*Hymn "In Christ There Is No East or West" #439

Apostles Creed pg. 14

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer

Wash us with your grace, O God, and cleanse us with your forgiveness. Transform our hearts so that we can perform acts of righteousness. Help us to display your goodness and allow us to be instruments of your mercy. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Announcements

Our Church Website: <http://www.thewfpc.org>
(prayer request cards are now available on the table in the narthex)

Please keep in prayer:

Dee Swigart.

All groups meet at the church unless otherwise specified.

Pastor Carroll will be in the office Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. His email is: pastor1@thewfpc.org

Newsletter Deadline Items for the newsletter need to be submitted by Wednesday.

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

Volunteers are needed to help keep the outside of the building beautiful. Please contact any of the Trustees or the church office if you want to discover if you have a "green thumb."

Fall Bazaar Are you crafty? Then we need you! Donations are needed for the Fall Bazaar that runs in combination with our famous Turkey Dinner. For more information see Jill Sunday.

Church World Service's Kits Program Last year, with your help, PW brought 30 school kits and 4 clean-up buckets to the Presbytery Meeting in November. This year's goal is 50 school kits and 35 hygiene kits. Flyers are in the narthex with a list for the kits.

*Hymn "God Is So Good" insert

Benediction **Unison Reading**
God has spoken this morning and has called us to go and share the good news of Jesus Christ. As we leave this service, we ask the Lord to help us to love people, and to share God's Son. Praise the Lord!

Postlude

All music in our bulletin is protected under CCLI#1409680

Church phone number 815-335-2051
Pastoral Cell 815-742-7503
Attendance 79
Offerings \$1955.00

SHARING THE WORD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Every member a minister...

Accompanist / Choir Director Michelle West
Special music Chancel Choir members
Projectionist Kaleigh Freimuth
Ushers Jim Mitchell, Dave Nichols, Chuck Rittmeyer
Greeters Dave & Julie Nichols
Acolytes Grace & Joe Erb

Looking ahead...

August 14 - Family Funday treasure hunt

Assurance of Pardon **Unison Reading**
In faith, I receive the mercy and forgiveness that only the Lord can grant. I will delight in the love of God and I will praise Jesus for His sacrifice. Thank you Lord for giving me my pardon from sin. In Christ's Holy name I pray. Amen.

*Gloria Patri #579

Anthem "10,000 Reasons" Matt Redmon

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

*Hymn "Give Thanks" insert

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, tithes, and offerings today so that the good news of Christ will be liberally shared to those that need to know you as Savior. In your name we pray, Amen.

Passing of the Peace

RECEIVING THE WORD

Scripture: Hebrews 11:1 – 3; 6 pg. 1224-5

Message: "God is speaking: Is Your Faith Getting Stronger?"
Dr. Carroll Smith

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Give thanks with a grate-ful heart; give thanks to the Ho-ly One;

give thanks be-cause we're giv-en Je-sus Christ, the Son. Give

Son. And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the

poor say, "We are rich be-cause of what the Lord has done for

us!" And us!" Give thanks. Give thanks.

Drawing on language from 2 Corinthians 6:10 and 12:10 as well as Psalm 126:3, this short and repetitive song

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Leader: Approaching the Lord's Table and commemorating Holy Communion allows Christians to celebrate with the church universal. We give thanks to our Savior for His great love so that we have forgiveness from sin. This morning we celebrate Holy Communion with hearts filled with joy and thanksgiving. We give thanks to follow our Lord's example and we show the world that we declare Jesus as Savior.

People: We enter into this celebration with hearts filled with gratitude that Christ has made us worthy through the brokenness of His body and the shedding of His Blood.

Leader: We remember the great sacrifice that Jesus paid to provide us grace, mercy, forgiveness, and salvation.

People: We eat this bread and drink this cup with love and appreciation in our hearts. We proclaim Christ's saving power with deep gratitude and praise.

Unison: We lift up our hearts to Christ the Lord. We give thanks for His sacrifice so that we have the blessing of redemption. We ask that our celebration at the Lord's Table will help us to live a life that is pleasing to him.

The Bread and the Cup: Blessing and Praise

Receiving of the Holy Communion coming forward

Unison Prayer after Communion

Heavenly Creator, thank you for this celebration of Holy Communion. Your Holy Spirit has renewed us and will help us to share the good news of salvation so that others may be blessed with the renewing of their hearts and lives for your glory. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Be Inspired!

Would you like to increase your knowledge of the bible
and grow your relationship with God?

Become a Sunday School teacher.

Teaching is a wonderful way to deepen your faith
while building our children's.

We are looking for teachers for Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st.

Easy to teach, life applicable curriculum is provided for you.

Afraid to commit for the entire year?

Maybe co-teach. We would love to be creative and use any time or
skills that are given. If you are interested or have any questions
please feel free to contact Stacy Weavel at (815)289-7686.