

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

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship: [From Psalm 118] **Unison Reading**
Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. Let those who fear the LORD say: "His love endures forever." In my anguish I cried to the LORD, and he answered by setting me free. The LORD is with me; I will not be afraid. ... The LORD is with me; he is my helper. ... The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

*Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #276

Prayer of Confession: 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

Announcements

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

Our Prayer request email: first-pres-prayer@googlegroups.com

(prayer request cards are now available on the table in the narthex)

Please keep in prayer:

Dee Swigart. Paula Price.

All groups meet at the church unless otherwise specified.

Office hours for Pastor Carroll will be Monday P.M., Tuesday and Thursday. His email is: pastor1@thewfpc.org

Session will meet on Monday at 7 p.m.

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

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. School kits are the most popularly 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. You are welcome to ask Pastor Carroll about MAP or you can go to www.blackhawkpresbytery.org/768630 for a more detailed explanation of MAP.

Looking ahead...

August 16, 23, 30 Dr. Carroll Smith



*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).

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 "His Strength is Perfect"

*Hymn "As the Deer Pants for the Water" insert

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings

"I will Never be the Same Again" Geoff Billock

*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: Ephesians 5: 1, 2, 15, 18, and 19 pg. 1193

Message: "Providing Opportunity in the Days Ahead"

Dr. Carroll Smith

