

First Presbyterian Church
Winnebago, Illinois
December 1, 2013
10:30 a.m.

Attendance/Offerings

101 / \$2405.00

SHARING THE WORD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Every member a minister...

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude "Veni, Veni, Emmanuel" Cindy Berry

Welcome/Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle Jyll, Payton, Hunter Lingel

*Hymn "The First Nowell" #56

Apostles Creed pg. 14

Prayer of Adoration and Confession
(Concluding with the Lord's Prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness **Unison reading**
The sacrifices of our Lord made full atonement to the Heavenly Father and we are forgiven. We are His beloved children and are washed clean through the sacrifice of Jesus. In faith, I accept His pardon. Amen.

*Gloria Patri #579

Children's Choir "Away In A Manger"
"Jingle Bells"

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn "What Child Is This" #53

Pastor Reverend Steve Shullanberger
Guest speaker Dr. Carroll Smith
Accompanist Scott Farrell
Children's Choir Cassie Gray, Kaitlyn Freimuth
Projectionist Josh Luna
Ushers Chuck Rittmeyer, Skip Leden, Jeff Gray
Greeters Mike & Michelle West
Acolytes Alec & Evan Weavel

Looking ahead...

The Cantata is next week with Fellowship afterwards
Pastor Carroll will speak at the 15th and 22nd Worship services
Children's Program is the 15th with Fellowship afterwards
Christmas Eve services are at 4:30 p.m. and 11 p.m.



*Flowers today are sponsored by:
Judy Mitchell in honor of Tianna's Birthday*

Announcements

People: We lift our hearts to Christ the Lord and give thanks for the redemption of our souls.

Pastor: Celebration of Holy Communion:

Luke 22:19: He took some bread and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me.

Luke 22:20: After supper he took another cup of wine and said, "This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood, which is poured out as a sacrifice for you."

Unison Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you for renewing us through the power of your Holy Spirit in Holy Communion. Help us to share the good news of salvation with love, compassion, and sincere commitment so that lives may be renewed and relationships may be strengthened. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" #28

Benediction **Unison Reading**
Lord Jesus, as I go into the world to share the glorious good news, I seek your strength so that you can be seen in my words and deeds. Help me to truly display a better example in this upcoming holiday season. In Jesus Name I pray. Amen.

Postlude "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" Prichard/Bennett

All music in our bulletin is protected under CCLI#1409680

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

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

All groups meet at the church unless otherwise specified.

Congregational meeting on December 8 immediately following the worship service to elect the 2014 officers.

Loose offerings from today will go to the Deacon's fund.

Nursery care is available for children ages three and under.

Chancel Choir/Cantata Choir will meet Wednesday from 7-8 p.m. and December 7 - 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. (Saturday)

Trustees will meet on Thursday at 7 p.m.

Christmas Walk The Winnebago Chamber of Commerces' Annual Christmas Walk is this Thursday. See flyers for details.

Looking for Communications help Are you interested *and* knowledgeable about websites, Facebook and other forms of communications? If you would like more information contact Rick Carr at rscarr@comcast.net or call 815-742-4446.

Daily Bread devotionals are now available on the table in the lower hallway.

Flowers & Bulletins You may sponsor flowers and or bulletins. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board. Flowers are \$15 (1) or \$30 (2). Bulletins are \$20.

Please keep in prayer:

Bob Look. Courtney Gilson. Paula Price. Dee Swigart.

Join us next week

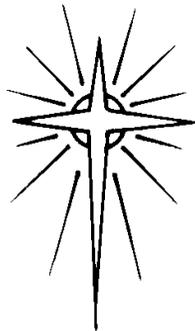
for our Christmas Cantata!

*The choir and guest singers will
perform:*

“Emmanuel”

*Fellowship will follow
provided by:*

The Fellowship Supperclub



Presentation of Gifts and Offerings

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

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RECEIVING THE WORD

Scripture:

Romans 12:1 - 2

(NLV)

Message: “Setting a Better Example in the Holiday Season”

Dr. Carroll Smith

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Pastor: Communion represents obedience to the Lord’s instructions to remember Him. Communion allows us to build a spiritual relationship with the Heavenly Father through the sacrifice that Christ provided for our redemption. Our loving creator ignores our unworthiness because His Son rescued our lives and allows us to be acceptable. The Lord’s Table is open to all who confess Jesus as Lord and Savior. By acknowledging Him as Christ, we show the world that the truth has arrived and we follow His will.

People: We enter into this celebration with a humble heart. We enter knowing that Christ has made us worthy through the brokenness of His body and the shedding of His Blood.

Pastor: The scriptures show us how much the Lord suffered to offer forgiveness of sins and salvation to mankind.

People: We eat this bread and drink this cup proclaiming the saving power of Christ. With joy and thanksgiving, we offer the Lord grateful praise.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, we lift up our hearts to you and give thanks for your sacrifice.

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