

First Presbyterian Church of Winnebago
December 15, 2013
10:30 a.m.

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude "Carol Medley" Mark Hayes

Welcome/Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Call to worship **Unison reading**
Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.

*Hymn "Rise Up Shepherd, and Follow" #50

Prayer of Adoration and Confession **Unison reading**
Precious Lord, in whom we live and move and have our being, cleanse us from all our sins and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires so that we may draw near to you. Help us to humbly confess our faults so that your grace can provide us with strength to truly live for you. (Concluding with the Lord's Prayer)

*Gloria Patri #579

Assurance of Forgiveness **Unison reading**
Almighty God, who does freely pardon all who repent and turn to Him, thank you for your promise of redeeming grace and forgiveness of all our sins through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord. We give thanks for this assurance in Christ's Name. Amen.

Announcements

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.

Nursery care is available for children ages three and under.

Ruth Circle will meet on Tuesday at noon for a Christmas potluck at Sue Jansen's home. In lieu of a gift exchange, money will be collected and donated to the Rockford Rescue Mission.

Chancel Choir will meet on Wednesday at Michelle West's home at 6:30 p.m. for practice and a potluck dinner. Bring a dish to pass, the rest will be provided.

Fellowship Supper Club is planning to go to the RVC Theatre on March 29, for the matinee performance of Agatha Christie's play, "Akhnaton". Tickets are \$17 for adults, \$15 for seniors or students. Tickets sell out quickly and need to be ordered! Anyone who would like to join us, ***contact Jill Sunday by today.*** We will dine at Johnny Pancakes afterwards.

Please keep in prayer:

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

Looking ahead...

Pastor Carroll will speak at the 22nd Worship service
Christmas Eve services are at 4:30 p.m. and 11 p.m.
The Choir will perform at the 11 p.m. service

*Hymn "O Come All Ye Faithful" #41

Benediction **Unison reading**
Numbers 6:24 - 26 (NLT)
May the Lord bless you and protect you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you his favor and give you his peace.'

Postlude "Gesu Bambino" Pietro Yon

All music in our bulletin is protected under CCLI#1409680

Attendance / Offerings 158 / \$6397.50

SHARING THE WORD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Every member a minister...

Pastor Reverend Steve Shullanberger
Guest Speaker Dr. Carroll Smith
Accompanist Dixie Leden
Program director April Haeflinger
Projectionist Josh Luna
Ushers Chuck Rittmeyer and volunteers
Greeters Steve & Barb Whitney
Acolytes Alexis & Angelica Storey

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn "Angels From The Realm of Glory" #22

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings
"Winter Peace" Jim Brickman

*Doxology #592

*Prayer of Dedication

RECEIVING THE WORD

Message: "Lessons From Merry Middle School"
written by Desirae Schneider

Performed by:

Rachel Rittmeyer, Kaleigh Freimuth
Hayley Starkey, Ella Maher, Zoe Reuter

Michael Cunningham, Katie Erb, Logan Gray
Jason Luna, Renee Rittmeyer
Avery Schaller, Emma Storey

Charlotte Maher, Payton Lingel
Riley Starkey, Mikayla Gray, Auberie Gilson
Grace Erb, Brady Schaller, Ava Reuter

Narrator: Sheree Sensel

Special Music performed by:

Taggert Freimuth, Isabelle Gray, Tianna Mitchell
Cody Coots, Joe Erb, Hunter Lingel, Thea Mitchell
Mitchel Cunningham, Keagan Gilson