

First Presbyterian Church  
Winnebago, Illinois  
December 18, 2016  
10:30 a.m.

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## Announcements

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

Liturgical color is purple for the season of penitence and preparation

### PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship Unison Reading  
**Your love, LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light. I am grateful that you shared the light of your Son with me. This morning I worship you in spirit and truth so that I can truly glorify Jesus Christ my Savior, Amen.**

Lighting of the Advent Candle The Maher Family

\*Hymn “Advent Song” (v.4) insert

**Prayer of Adoration and Confession:** The Lord’s Prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness: Unison Prayer  
**Most gracious Savior, remind us of your mercy, grace, and salvation. Enable us to accept your forgiveness so that we can assist others to receive the gracious pardon that you have granted us this morning. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri #579

All groups meet at the church unless otherwise specified.

**Pastor Carroll** will in the office Tuesday and Thursday mornings.  
His email is: [pastor1@thewfpc.org](mailto:pastor1@thewfpc.org)

**Choir** will not meet until January 4.

**Youth Group** will meet tonight at 6 p.m. for pizza and Christmas fun. Jr. High through college are welcome.

**Giving three ways** Items are due back today!

**No Sunday School** on December 25 or January 1.

**Anna’s Bucks** are available, they are \$10 each, see Barb Whitney.

**Banquet tables** Session is selling 9 of our heavy duty, eight foot banquet tables at \$25 each. If you are interested see Rick Carr.

**Annual reports** are due by January 9.

## **Looking ahead...**

December 24 - Christmas Eve services (4:30 & 10:30 p.m.)

December 25 - No Christmas Day service

**Middle Creek** is offering Christmas morning worship at 10:20 a.m. The cocoa will be waiting for your arrival. The children will be opening stockings that tell the story of Jesus' birth.

All are welcome!

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*Hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" #438

Benediction Unison Reading

Today, we have received the word of the Lord through the children's message about Christ. We are grateful for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit that has blessed us with God's most holy presence. As we leave this service, we will take the children's message of Christ to our community so that the Lord can be glorified. In Jesus name, Amen.

Postlude

All music in our bulletin is protected under CCLI#1409680

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Church phone number	815-335-2051
Pastoral Cell	815-742-7503
Attendance	131
Offerings	\$2589.00

**SHARING THE WORD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD**

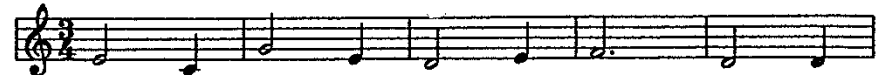
*Every member a minister...*

Accompanist	Michelle West
Scenery	High School SS Class
Director	April Haeflinger
Projectionist	Kaitlyn Freimuth
Ushers	Volunteers and Chuck Rittmeyer
Greeters	Dave & Julie Nichols
Acolytes	Taggart Freimuth, Thea Mitchell

THE GRACE OF JESUS CHRIST

2090

**Advent Song**  
(Light the Advent Candle)



1. Light	the	Ad - vent	can - dle,	one:	Now	the
2. Light	the	Ad - vent	can - dle,	two:	Think	of
3. Light	the	Ad - vent	can - dle,	three:	Think	of
4. Light	the	Ad - vent	can - dle,	four:	Think	of
5. Light	the	Christ - mas	can - dles,	now:	Sing	of



wait - ing	has	be - gun;	we	have	start - ed
hum - ble	shep - herds,	who	filled	with	won - der
heaven - ly	har - mo - ny;	an - gels	sing - ing		
joy	for - ev - er - more;	Christ	Child	in	a
don - key,	sheep,	and	cow;	birth - day	can - dles



on	our	way,	time	to	think	of	Christ - mas	day.
at	the	sight	of	the	child	of	Christ - mas	night.
"Peace	on	earth"	at	the	bles - sed	Sav - ior's	birth.	
sta - ble	born,	gift	of	love	that	Christ - mas	morn.	
for	the	King,	let	the	al - le - lu - ias	ring.		

*Refrain*



Can - dle, can - dle, burn - ing bright, shin - ing



in the cold win - ter night; can - dle, can - dle,



burn - ing bright, fill our hearts with Christ - mas light.

WORDS: Mary Lu Walker (Luke 2:1-20)  
MUSIC: Mary Lu Walker  
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ADVENT CANDLE SONG  
77.77 with Refrain

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayer after Joys and Concerns: **Unison Prayer**  
**Most Holy God, thank you for being able to share our gratitude for the joys in our daily living. We appreciate the words of Paul where he encourages us to bring our cares to you. This re-affirms your promises that you will grant us the strength that we need in our times of struggle. We proclaim our gratitude for the joys and we present our concerns to you in faith. We entrust these requests to you so that healing and grace can be manifested in all of our lives. In the name of the Lord we pray, Amen.**

\*Hymn "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" #31

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings

\*Doxology #592

\*Prayer of Dedication **Unison prayer**  
**Heavenly Creator, we appreciate the opportunity to worship you with our gifts, offerings, and tithes. Open our eyes and hearts and grant us wisdom as we share your blessings and your grace through these donations. In this Advent season, inspire us to help us others through our time, talents, and skills. In Christ name we pray, Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

### **RECEIVING THE WORD**

Message: "Too-oo-oo-oo Busy!!!"  
performed by the Sunday school classes

### **Cast**

**SHOPPERS:** Charlotte Maher  
Logan Gray

**LIST MAKERS:** Ryan Ackerman  
Thea Mitchell  
Breanna Smith  
Jasmine Silchuk

**FRIENDS:** Brady Schaller  
Riley Starkey  
Logan Smith  
Mikayla Gray

**BAKER:** Autumn Smith

**OLDER STUDENTS:** Emma Storey  
Renee Rittmeyer  
Katie Erb  
Ava Reuter  
Avery Schaller  
Jason Luna

**SUNDAY SCHOOLERS:** Grace Erb  
Veronica Gilliey  
Hannah Lee

**TEACHER:** Sheree Sensel

**PASTOR:** Dr. Carroll Smith

**MARY:** Isabelle Gray  
**JOSEPH:** Taggert Freimuth  
**SHEPHERDS:** Joe Erb  
Hayden Thompson  
Jason Silchuk

**ANGEL:** Tianna Mitchell

## THE STORY BEHIND THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

*“True Love” refers to God.*

*“Me” refers to every Christian.*

**The other symbols mean the following:**

1 Partridge in a Pear Tree = Jesus Christ

2 Turtle Doves = The Old and New Testaments

3 French Hens = Faith, Hope and Charity

4 Calling Birds = The four Gospels

5 Golden Rings = The first five books of the Bible,  
also known as the Pentateuch

6 Geese-A-Laying = The six days of Creation

7 Swans-A-Swimming = The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit

8 Maids-A-Milking = The eight Beatitudes

9 Ladies Dancing = The nine fruits of the Holy Spirit

10 Lords-A-Leaping = The Ten Commandments

11 Pipers Piping = The eleven faithful Apostles

12 Drummers Drumming = The twelve points of doctrine in the  
Apostle’s Creed.