

First Presbyterian Church  
Winnebago, Illinois  
December 27, 2015  
10:30 a.m.

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**PREPARING FOR THE WORD**

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship [from Psalm 47] **Unison Reading**  
**Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy. For the Lord Most High is awesome, the great King over all the earth. ... God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets. Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises. For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise.**

\*Hymn "Go Tell It on the Mountain" #29

Prayer of Adoration and Confession: The Lord's Prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness **Responsive Reading**  
**People: Heavenly Father, I give praise to you and ask you to help me to follow the ways of your Son.**

Pastor: Your faith in Jesus and the guarantee He provides has granted you forgiveness and pardon from all your wrongdoings. God declares us clean and holy through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

\*Gloria Patri #579

**Announcements**

Our Church Website: <http://www.thewfpc.org>  
Our Prayer request email: [first-pres-prayer@googlegroups.com](mailto: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  
His email is: [pastor1@thewfpc.org](mailto:pastor1@thewfpc.org)

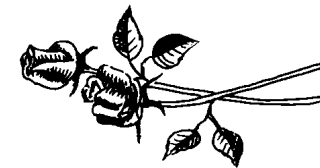
**Choir** there will not be any practice this week.

**2015 Year end reports** please submit your reports via email to:  
[secretary@thewfpc.org](mailto:secretary@thewfpc.org) **All reports are due no later than January 6.**

**Church office** will be closed New Year's day.

**2016 Offertory** envelopes are available on the table in the narthex.

**2016** Flowers and Bulletins sign up sheets are on the bulletin board.  
Bulletins are \$20, Flowers are \$25.



*Flowers today are sponsored by:  
Grant & Rosemary Runyard in honor of their 60th Anniversary*

*Bulletins today are sponsored by:  
Betsy Menge in memory of Clarence Menge*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*Hymn "He Came Down" insert  
Benediction **Responsive Reading**  
**People: I am happy that Christ has accepted me and has given me new life so that I can share the good news of the Lord.**

Pastor: The church is the light keeper for Savior. Now, go with the Lord's power to share the good news of the gospel. Allow the Lord to bless you so that you are able to bless others with the light that your life shares in both word and deed. Amen.

Postlude  
All music in our bulletin is protected under CCLI#1409680

Church phone number 815-335-2051  
Pastoral Cell 815-742-7503  
Attendance / Offerings 150 / \$3165.50

## SHARING THE WORD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

*Every member a minister...*

Accompanist Michelle West  
Projectionist Kaitlyn Freimuth  
Ushers Chuck & Greg Rittmeyer  
Greeters Skip & Dixie Leden  
Acolytes Mitchel Cunningham, Thea Mitchell

## **Looking ahead...**

January 3 - Pastor Claire, Fellowship  
January 10 - Pastor Carroll  
January 31 - Annual meeting

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer.....**concluding with 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 declaration for us to come to you so that you can give us the strength that we need. We proclaim our gratitude for the joys and we present our concerns to you in faith. We entrust these 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 "In the Bleak Midwinter" #36

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. Also, assist us in giving to others through our time, talents, and skills. In Christ name we pray, Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

## RECEIVING THE WORD

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:17 pg. 1178

Message: "Christ Brings New Creation"

Dr. Carroll Smith

# He Came Down

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He came down that we may have love; he



came down that we may have love; he came down that we may



have love; hal-le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.



*Leader:* Why did he come?

*Additional stanzas:*

- ... that we may have light
- ... that we may have peace
- ... that we may have joy