

First Presbyterian Church
Winnebago, Illinois
December 7, 2014
10:30 a.m.

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle The Benson Family

*Hymn “Hark, the Herald Angels Sing” #31

Apostles Creed pg. 14

The Lord’s Prayer

Prayer of Adoration and Confession **Unison prayer**
Our Heavenly Father, we thank you for loving us despite of our imperfections. Come and enter the wilderness of our lives, as we prepare once more for the coming of your Son. Fill the valleys of our insecurities with hope, and bring low the mountains of our pride and conceit. Make straight the paths before us, and guide our feet in ways of Jesus. Holy Lord, by the tender mercy of your grace, shine your light into the shadowy places in our lives, and reveal to us who live in darkness that we may find peace and hope. Come to us like a refiner’s fire and fuller’s soap, that we may be purified in body and soul, and make straight paths for you, so others may see your salvation, and experience the joy of your transforming love. We pray this in Jesus name.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Announcements

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

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

All groups meet at the church unless otherwise specified.

Loose offerings today go to the Deacons fund.

Choir will meet tomorrow, Monday at 7 p.m. for Cantata rehearsal.

Chicks with Sticks will meet on Tuesday starting at 6 p.m. at Sue Jansen’s home for their annual Christmas potluck.

Newsletter deadline Items for the January newsletter need to be in no later than Wednesday.

Session meets this Thursday at 7 p.m.

Rockford Rescue Mission Our night to serve is this Friday at 6 p.m.

Adopt a child Please make sure to return the gift(s), wrapped, with the tag by Sunday, December 14.

Christmas Cookie and Candy Walk and Mini-Bazaar is Saturday, December 13th from 9 a.m to Noon. Each woman of the church is asked to donate three dozen homemade holiday cookies. Please have cookies at the church Thursday, December 11 from 3 – 5 p.m. or Friday, December 12 from 2:30 – 6 p.m.

Please keep in prayer:

Paula Price. Chelsea Shullanberger. Matt Mitchell. Clyde Grover.

Church phone number 815-335-2051
 Pastoral Cell 815-742-7668
 Attendance 71
 Offerings \$1116.00

*Gloria Patri #579

Special Music "Mary Did You Know?"

SHARING THE WORD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Every member a minister...

Pastor Reverend Steve Shullanberger
 Accompanist Wendy Newman
 Special music Jan Mitchell
 Projectionist Jake Smith
 Ushers Chuck Rittmeyer, Skip Leden, Jeff Gray
 Greeters Jeff & Ann Fuller
 Acolytes Hayley & Riley Starkey

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
 Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn "Angels We Have Heard On High" #23

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings

*Doxology #592

*Prayer of Dedication

RECEIVING THE WORD

Scripture: Mark 1:1-8 pg. 1017

Message: "Cleaning House"
 Reverend Steve Shullanberger

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Receiving of the Holy Communion

*Hymn "Go Tell it On the Mountain" #29

Benediction
 Postlude

All music in our bulletin is protected under CCLI#1409680



*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).

Looking ahead...

December 14

Christmas Cantata with Fellowship to follow

December 21

Children's program with Fellowship to follow

December 24

4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

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11 p.m. Candle light Christmas Eve Service.