

First Presbyterian Church  
Winnebago, Illinois  
February 26, 2017  
10:30 a.m.

Liturgical color is white for the redemptive work of Jesus Christ

**PREPARING FOR THE WORD**

Prelude "Variations on 'Morning Star'" Rex Koury

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship **Responsive Reading**

Leader: We gather this morning to honor our Savior and to worship God.

**People: May God continue to bless our congregation as we share the blessing of Christ to the people in the Winnebago community.**

Leader: We draw near to our God who shares love to all people everywhere.

**People: May the Lord continue to bless our country so that we can live in harmony and peace together with all peoples on the earth.**

Leader: May God continue to establish peace on earth and help us understand that it begins in our hearts.

**Unison: Come, let us worship the Lord this morning with joy and singing and praise!**

\*Hymn "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" #482

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

Words: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1880

Music: William G. Turner, 1882

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of four systems of music. The first system has a circled '1' above the first measure. The lyrics are: 'God be with you till we meet a - gain! By His coun - sels / God be with you till we meet a - gain! Neath His wings pro - / God be with you till we meet a - gain! When life's per - ils / God be with you till we meet a - gain! Keep love's ban - ner'. The second system has lyrics: 'guide, up - hold you, With His sheep se - cure - ly fold you. / tect - ing hide you, Dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you. / thick con - found you, Put His arms un - fail - ing round you. / float - ing o'er you; Smite death's threat - ning wave be - fore you.' The third system has lyrics: 'God be with you till we meet a - gain! Till we meet \_\_\_! Till we / meet! Till we meet at Je - sus' feet; Till we / meet \_\_\_! Till we meet! God be with you till we meet a - gain!'. Chord symbols (C, G, F, G7) are placed above the staff at various points.

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**RECEIVING THE WORD**

Scripture: John 3:16 pg. 1082

Message: "Our Savior's Message Implants Love Eternally"  
Dr. Carroll Smith

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*Hymn "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" insert

Benediction

Postlude "Epilogue on "Lobe den Herren" Lani Smith

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 72  
Offerings \$1229.00  
2017 Per capita - \$36.11 per member, \$1745.18 to date.

**SHARING THE WORD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD**

*Every member a minister...*

Accompanist Karen Neimeier  
Children's Choir Kaitlyn Freimuth, Angelica Storey  
Puppeteers Jr. High Class  
Projectionist Kaitlyn Freimuth  
Ushers Greg & Chuck Rittmeyer  
Greeters Mike & Sue Luna  
Acolytes Taggert Freimuth, Thea Mitchell

Call to Confession: **Unison Prayer**  
**Merciful Creator, please forgive us of all our wrongdoings through your mercy and loving kindness. Please cleanse our hearts so that we can share your love and grace. In the holy name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon: **Unison Reading**  
**With great delight, I offer my praise to the Lord for His loving grace. Through His wondrous mercy I am made pure and holy in Christ. I give glory and honor to my Savior for my forgiveness and pardon. In the Lord's name, Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri #579

Sharing of Joys and Concerns  
Pastoral Prayer concluding with the Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn "I've Got Peace Like a River" #368

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings  
"As the Sun Doth Daily Rise" Mark Roberts

\*Doxology #592

\*Prayer of Dedication **Unison prayer**  
**Dear loving Savior, thank you for being able to worship you this morning. We give our gifts, offerings, and tithing in appreciation for the many rich blessings that you have given to us. Also, Lord, help us to share our talents, skills, and time with others so that you receive glory and honor. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

Children's Choir "Deep and Wide"

"Jesus Loves Me"

Puppet Show "Smile, Jesus Loves You"

## Announcements

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

All groups meet at the church unless otherwise specified.

**Pastor Carroll** will be in the office Tuesday morning and Wednesday evening. His email is: [pastor1@thewfpc.org](mailto:pastor1@thewfpc.org)

**Chicks with Sticks** will meet on Tuesday at Gwen Vietmeier's home starting at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

**Lenten Service and Soup Supper** Ash Wednesday starts the Soup Suppers at 5:30 p.m., followed by the Lenten service at 6:30 p.m.

**Choir** will meet on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

**World Day of Prayer** is this Saturday at the Winnebago Methodist Church, we will learning about the Philippines. Everyone is welcome, guys too, to join us at 9:30 a.m. for the program and refreshments.

**2017 Directories** are available in the narthex, one per family please.

**Devotionals** for the Spring are on the table in the hallway.

**Anna's Bucks** are available for \$10 each, see Kaitlyn or Kaleigh Freimuth, or Barb Whitney.

**Remember or honor** loved ones by sponsoring flowers and/or bulletins. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board.

## **Looking ahead...**

March 5 - Choir / Fellowship after the worship service

March 12 - Children's choir