

First Presbyterian Church  
Winnebago, Illinois  
February 28, 2016  
10:30 a.m.

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Liturgical color purple is for the season of penitence & preparation

**PREPARING FOR THE WORD**

Prelude "Hear My Humble Prayer" Lani Smith

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship **Unison Reading**  
**I will praise the Lord because the Lord gives my soul rest and my salvation comes from him. Yes, my soul finds rest in God and my hope comes from him. I will trust the Lord at all times and I will lift my voice and give God thanks for the peace and rest that surpasses all understanding. I will give praise to the Lord for His glory.**

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

Prayer of Adoration and Confession: **Unison Prayer**  
**Heavenly Creator, I give you praise for your love and mercy. I have not been perfect this past week and I ask for your forgiveness. Help me to be receptive to your Holy Spirit so that I can become more like Jesus my Savior in words and actions. Please forgive and forget my wrongdoing so that I am holy in your sight. In Christ's name I pray, Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness and Pardon: **Unison Prayer**  
**The Holy Scriptures share that Christ's grace is sufficient and that God's mercy is everlasting. We have the promise that the Lord forgives and pardons freely.**

**Announcements**

Our Church Website: <http://www.thewfpc.org>  
(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** are Monday 2-5 p.m. and Thursday from 9 a.m. till noon. His email is: [pastor1@thewfpc.org](mailto:pastor1@thewfpc.org)

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

**Spring Devotionals** are now available on the table in the hallway.

**2016** Flowers and Bulletins sign up sheets are on the bulletin board. Bulletins are \$20. Flowers are \$25 (new lower price).

**2016 Per capita** is \$35.66 per member. \$1863.11 collected to date.

**Survey mailing** Please note that all members will receive a Pastoral Leadership survey. Complete the survey and return by March 2nd in the postage paid envelope. Your participation is needed & appreciated.

**PW** is starting a paper drive, toilet paper that is. Please bring these items to the church by March 13.

**PW** will host the World Day of Prayer Service on Saturday, March 5th. Our church, Middle Creek, Burritt Community Church and Winnebago United Methodist Church will learn about the women of Cuba. Service starts at 9:30 a.m. Refreshments will follow the service.

**Help** I need a few more volunteers to help with the monthly newsletter. Call Betsy Menge at 815-964-2683. Thank you for your help.

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

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

Benediction

Postlude "With Praises All Unite!" Sweelinek

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 90  
Offerings \$2021.00

**SHARING THE WORD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD**

*Every member a minister...*

Accompanist Karen Neimeier  
Projectionist Kaleigh Freimuth  
Children's choir Kaitlyn Freimuth, Angelica Storey  
Puppeteers Jr. High Sunday School Class  
Ushers Chuck & Greg Rittmeyer  
Greeters Larry & Stacy Schaller  
Acolytes Mitchel Cunningham, Thea Mitchell

**In Christ we have redemption through the forgiveness of sins and we are made clean by His grace. I give thanks for forgiveness and pardon in Jesus name. Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri #579

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Children's Choir "I Am A C" and "Zaccheus"

Puppet Show "God's Special Song"

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

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings  
"Savior, Your Dying Love" Robert Lowery

\*Doxology #592

\*Prayer of Dedication **Unison Prayer**  
**Wondrous Savior, you are worthy of all our praise. Thank you for your blessings and the opportunity to show our appreciation through tithes, gifts, and offerings. Also, provide us with opportunities this coming week to share this wonderful message of salvation through our time, skills, and talents. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

**RECEIVING THE WORD**

Scripture: Psalm 32:8; Zephaniah 3:17 pg. 572; 962

Message: "Lent Reveals the Song of God's Heart"  
Dr. Carroll Smith

## **Lenten Soup Suppers & Services**

The church will offer its regular Lenten Soup Supper and service every other Wednesday as it has in the past. New this year, we are adding one more Wednesday!

March 9

New - Holy Week - Wednesday, March 23

March 24 - Maundy Thursday service only 6:30 p.m.



A free will offering will be taken, donations will go to the One Great Hour of Sharing.

## **Looking ahead...**

March 5 - World Day of Prayer

March 6 - Pastor Claire / Choir

March 9 - Pastor Carroll / Lenten Soup Supper & Service

March 13 - Pastor Carroll / Children's choir/PW Birthday Sunday

March 16 - Pastor Carroll @ WEFC- we are the hosts

March 20 - Palm Sunday - Pastor Carroll / Choir

March 23 - Pastor Carroll / Lenten Soup Supper & Service

March 24 - Pastor Claire / Maundy Thursday

March 27 - SonRise Service -Pastor Claire

March 27 - Easter Service- Pastor Carroll