

First Presbyterian Church  
Winnebago, Illinois  
January 1, 2017  
10:30 a.m.

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## Announcements

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

All groups meet at the church unless otherwise specified.

Liturgical color is white for the redemptive work of Jesus Christ

### PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude "For Unto Us A Child Is Born" Mark Hayes

Welcome/Announcements

Call To Worship Unison Reading  
**I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me ... and ... set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. ... Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, ... Then I said, Here I am, I have come—it is written about me in the scroll. I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart. This Sunday morning I enter the Lord's house with an open heart and a joyful praise. I will worship the Lord with gladness and will honor Jesus my Savior with great gratitude. Amen.**

\*Hymn "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" #28

Prayer of Adoration and Confession: Unison Reading  
**Heavenly Creator, you are faithful to keep your promises and I ask that you forgive me of my sins through your love and mercy. Make me holy by your wondrous grace and place a new song of praise in my heart. I ask this in Jesus precious name. Amen.**

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

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

**Youth Group** will meet on January 15 starting at 6 p.m. for pizza and some New Year's fun! Friends are welcome too.

**Directory Updates** Has your information changed? Have you dropped your land line? Please call or email the office with your new address or phone number.

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

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



*Flowers and bulletins today are sponsored by:  
The Children of Harold & Lueva Brauer  
in memory of Lueva's 97th Birthday*

# Behold, What Manner of Love

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Moderato I D (2-part canon) G

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giv - en un - to us. Be - hold, what man - ner of

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love the Fa - ther has giv - en un - to us That

G D A D

we should be called the chil - dren of God; That

G D A D

we should be called the chil - dren of God.

TEXT: 1 John 3:1  
MUSIC: Patricia Van Tine  
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Medley options: 30,31,32

Assurance of Forgiveness and Pardon: Unison Reading  
The Bible declares that Christ came to give his people forgiveness, pardon, and salvation. Thus, I know that forgiveness is promised to me and I am pardoned through the sacrifice of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Apostles Creed pg. 14

\*Gloria Patri #579

Special Music "A Time For All Things" Douglas Warner

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

\*Hymn "What Child Is This" #53

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings  
"A Child Of The King" Carl Simone

\*Doxology #592

\*Prayer of Dedication Unison prayer

Most Holy God, we thank you for our blessings and for the opportunity to worship you in giving gifts, offerings, and tithing. Bless us as we share the good news of Christ through our talents, skills, and time. In the Lord's holy name we pray, Amen.

Passing of the Peace

## RECEIVING THE WORD

Scripture: Hebrews 2:1; Micah 6:1 and 8 pg. 1217; 951-2

Message: "Hearing a New Opportunity in the New Year"  
Dr. Carroll Smith

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Leader:* Approaching the Lord's Table and commemorating Communion allows Christians to celebrate with all of God's people in the church universal. We give thanks to our Savior for His great love so that we might have redemption and the opportunity to share the good news of Christ in a new year. The Lord's Table offers us the ability to remember Christ, celebrate the Lord, and know that His grace is sufficient for all our needs. Today, we acknowledge Christ as the anointed Son of God and we show the world that we follow His will.

**People: We celebrate with a humble heart and with gratitude that Christ has made us worthy through the brokenness of His body and the shedding of His Blood. Today, we remember how much the Lord suffered to provide us the forgiveness of sins so that salvation could be granted to all of us.**

**Unison: We eat this bread and drink this cup proclaiming the saving power of Christ. With joy and thanksgiving, we offer the Lord our praise and appreciation. We lift up our hearts and give thanks for His sacrifice so that we have the blessing of redemption.**

The Bread and the Cup: Blessing and Praise

Receiving of the Holy Communion coming forward

### **Unison Prayer after Communion**

**Heavenly Creator, we give thanks to you on this first day of a new year. We have honored you in worship and singing and we have humbly entered into communion at your holy table so that we can be renewed through the power of your Holy Spirit. Help us to share the good news of salvation with sincere commitment so that others may be blessed through our witness in this new year of 2017. We ask this in the holy name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*Hymn "Behold, What Manner of Love" insert

Benediction

Postlude "Go Tell It On The Mountain"

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          | NA           |
| Offerings           | \$557.67     |

## SHARING THE WORD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

*Every member a minister...*

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| Accompanist   | Dixie Leden                                 |
| Soloist       | Susan Gambrel                               |
| Projectionist | Volunteer                                   |
| Ushers        | Jim Mitchell, Dave Nichols, Chuck Rittmeyer |
| Greeters      | Volunteers                                  |
| Acolytes      | Grace & Joe Erb                             |

## **Looking ahead...**

January 8 - Fellowship, hosted by PW

January 15 - Choir performs

January 22 - Puppets perform

January 29 - Annual Meeting after the worship service

# Meeting Call

By action of the Session,  
The First Presbyterian Church of Winnebago's Annual  
Congregational Meeting is called for Sunday, January 29, 2017.

The meeting will take place  
immediately following the worship service.

The purpose of this meeting is to approve the minutes of the  
Congregational Meetings held during 2016,  
approve the financial and activity reports of church organizations,  
and approve the updated By Laws.