

**First Presbyterian Church
Winnebago, Illinois
January 15, 2017
10:30 a.m.**

Liturgical color is green for Ordinary Time

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude "Praeludium 1" J. S. Bach

Introit "Stand Up and Bless The Lord" Sheldon Curry

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship **Unison Reading**
Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the LORD tell their story—[on how] ... He sent out his word and healed them; ... Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind ... with songs of joy. Today, I enter the Lord's house with a receptive heart and I will honor the Lord with sincere praise and joyful singing. Amen.

*Hymn "Here I Am, Lord" #525

Prayer of Adoration and Confession:

Heavenly Creator, I am so grateful that you are faithful to keep your promises. I ask for your forgiveness through your love and mercy. Please make me holy in your sight so that I can offer you a joyful song of praise in my heart. I ask this in Jesus precious name. Amen.

Announcements

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

All groups meet at the church unless otherwise specified.

Pastor Carroll will in the office Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning. His email is: pastor1@thewfpc.org

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

Ruth Circle will meet on Tuesday starting at 1:30 p.m. Carol Meyers and Jill Sunday are your hostesses. Please read the book of Mark in preparation for our bible study.

Deacons will meet on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Choir will meet on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Directory Updates Has your information changed? Have you moved or 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.

Behold, What Manner of Love 30

Moderato (2-part canon)

mp Be - hold, what man - ner of love the Fa - ther has
 giv - en un - to us. Be - hold, what man - ner of
 love the Fa - ther has giv - en un - to us That
 we should be called the chil - dren of God; That
 we should be called the chil - dren of God.

TEXT: 1 John 3:1
 MUSIC: Patricia Van Tine
 Copyright © 1978 Maranatha! Music. All rights reserved. International copyright secured. Used by permission. Medley options: 30,31,32

Assurance of Forgiveness and Pardon: Unison Prayer
 God's holy word declares that Christ came to forgive his people of their sins and grant them pardon and salvation. By faith in the Lord's promises, I accept the forgiveness and pardon that comes through the sacrifice of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Gloria Patri #579

Anthem "Hope, Peace, Joy and Love" Joseph Martin

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

*Hymn "O Master Let Me Walk With Thee" insert

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings
 "Sarabande" A. Corelli #592

*Doxology Unison prayer
 *Prayer of Dedication

Dear loving Savior, we thank you for the opportunity to worship you this morning. You have blessed us so richly. Please bless these gifts, offerings, and tithing so that we are able to spread the good news that you have given us. Allow our talents, skills, and time to be a blessing to others for the glory of your name. In your holy name we pray, Amen.

Passing of the Peace

RECEIVING THE WORD

Scripture: Matthew 7:7 – 8 pg. 987

Message: Investigating Scriptures Brings Clarity on ???

Dr. Carroll Smith

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee 357

Washington Gladden, 1879

MARYTON LM

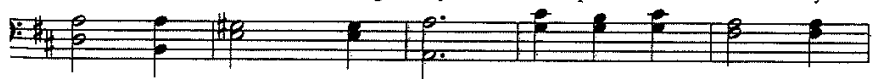
Henry Percy Smith, 1874



1. O Mas - ter, let me walk with Thee In low - ly
 2. Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear,
 3. Teach me Thy pa - tience; still with Thee In clos - er,
 4. In hope that sends a shin - ing ray Far down the



paths of ser - vice free; Tell me Thy se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; Teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, In work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - ening way; In peace that on - ly



help me bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, And guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, In trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.
 Thou canst give, With Thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.



*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 \$25 (2) arrangement(s).

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn "Behold What Manner of Love" insert

Benediction

Postlude "Allegro" A. Corelli

All music in our bulletin is protected under CCLI#1409680

Church phone number 815-335-2051

Pastoral Cell 815-742-7503

Attendance 90

Offerings \$2302.00

2016 Per capita - \$36.11 per member, collected to date - \$36.11

SHARING THE WORD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Every member a minister...

Accompanist / Choir Director	Michelle West
Viloinist	Christie Schweitz
Projectionist	Kaitlyn Freimuth
Ushers	Volunteers and Chuck Rittmeyer
Greeters	Matt & Thessa Mitchell
Acolytes	Taggert Freimuth, Thea Mitchell

Looking ahead...

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.

**The By Laws are now available for review.
Please direct questions to Rick Carr, Clerk of Session.**

*(all inquiries must be done **before** the annual meeting)*