

First Presbyterian Church
Winnebago, Illinois
January 29, 2017
10:30 a.m.

Liturgical color is green for Ordinary Time

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude "My Jesus, I Love Thee" Cindy Berry

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship Unison Reading
Heavenly Creator, I give you praise and I ask that you listen to my words, Lord, ... for to you I pray ... [and] lay my requests before you and wait expectantly. ... By your great love, I can come into your house in reverence. Lead me, Lord, in your righteousness ... make your way straight before me. ... Let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you. Lord, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield. Today, I enter the Lord's house with praise and joyous singing so that God will receive glory and honor. Amen.

*Hymn "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" #379

Prayer of Adoration and Confession: Unison Reading
Merciful and loving Savior, I am thankful that your holy word promises that you will listen to my prayers in spite of my imperfections. I am so grateful that you are faithful to your children and are willing to forgive us. Have mercy upon me this morning and take away my sins and make me holy in your sight. Then, I will be able to offer you a joyful song of praise because my heart is clean. I ask this in your name. Amen.

Announcements

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

All groups meet at the church unless otherwise specified.

Annual Congregational meeting is today after the worship service.

Pastor Carroll will in the office Wednesday and Thursday mornings. His email is: pastor1@thewfpc.org

Choir will meet on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

LAST CHANCE!!! 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. The deadline is tomorrow.

Anna's Bucks are available, they are \$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. Bulletins are \$20 / Flowers are \$15 (1) or \$25 (2) arrangement(s).

Ushers needed for the fourth Sunday of the month. This can be a husband/wife duo, two men or women. If you are interested see Chuck Rittmeyer.

Looking ahead...

February 5 - Pastor Claire / Chancel Choir
February 12 - Pastor Claire / Boy Scout Sunday

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn "Behold What Manner of Love" insert

Benediction

Postlude "Holy Ground" Mark Hayes

All music in our bulletin is protected under CCLI#1409680

Church phone number 815-335-2051

Pastoral Cell 815-742-7503

Attendance 79

Offerings \$1661.00

2017 Per capita - \$36.11 per member, to date \$760.76

SHARING THE WORD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Every member a minister...

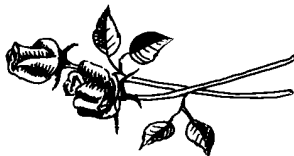
Accompanist Dixie Leden

Projectionist Rachel Rittmeyer

Ushers Volunteers and Chuck Rittmeyer

Greeters Adam & Michelle Cunningham

Acolytes Mitchel Cunningham, Jason Luna



*Flowers today are sponsored by:
Dave & Julie Nichols in honor of their family*

Assurance of Forgiveness and Pardon: **Unison Reading**
Most gracious Lord, thank you that Christ came to provide forgiveness of sins. With faith in your holy promises, I accept the forgiveness and pardon that comes through the sacrifice of my Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Gloria Patri #579

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

*Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #276

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings
"I Am Thine, O Lord" Rachel Carr

*Doxology #592

*Prayer of Dedication **Unison prayer**
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: 2 Corinthians 3:11 – 18 pg. 1177

Message: "Preparing for Improvement"
Dr. Carroll Smith

Behold, What Manner of Love

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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

Medley options: 30,31,32

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