

Workcampers are selling Anna's Bucks again this year. Please see Jake Smith, Logan Gray, or Barb Whitney.

2018 Directory Updates If your phone number or address has changed please let the office know. We also use these numbers for the PW funeral and emergency committee.

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).

Church phone number	815-335-2051
Pastoral Cell	815-742-7503
Attendance	65
Offerings	\$2433.00
2018 per capita is \$36.34 per member	

Looking ahead...

January 14 - Children's choir

January 21 - Choir performs

January 28 - Annual Congregational meeting

*Bulletins today are sponsored by:
Betsy Menge in memory of her sister, Mabel Rood*

First Presbyterian Church
Winnebago, Illinois
January 7, 2018
10:30 a.m.

Liturgical color is white for the redemptive work of Jesus Christ

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Call To Worship Unison Reading
Give thanks to the Lord and lift up your eyes to see that he is good and that his love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story of the Lord's wonderful help in the time of need. Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love, care, and mercy. Today, I enter the God's sanctuary with a receptive heart and I will honor the Lord with sincere praise and joyful singing. Amen.

*Hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" #464

Prayer of Adoration and Confession: Unison Reading
Heavenly Creator, I am so grateful that you are faithful to keep your promises. I ask for your forgiveness and pardon 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. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.

Apostles Creed

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Announcements

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

All groups meet at the church unless otherwise specified.

Fellowship today will follow the Congregational meeting and is hosted by the Presbyterian Women.

Installation of new officers will be during fellowship today.

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

Session will meet on Monday at 7 p.m.

Chicks with Sticks will meet on Tuesday at Gwen Vietmeier's home starting at 7 p.m. Anyone is welcome to join us!

Newsletter deadline Articles and figures for the February newsletter are due by Wednesday.

Annual reports are due *this* Wednesday, January 10.

Choir practice is this Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Rockford Rescue Mission Our night to serve is this Friday at 6 p.m. If you are interested call the church office.

Youth Group will meet next Sunday from 4-6 p.m. All junior and senior high youth are welcome. Join us and bring a friend!!!

Annual Congregational Meeting will be on January 28 after the worship service.

More announcements on the back page

Passing of the Peace

RECEIVING THE WORD

Scripture: II Timothy 2:15 pg. 1212

Message: Gifts of Hope Series:
"Reading to Improve Workmanship"
Dr. Carroll Smith

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Leader: Loving God, on this first Sunday of 2018, we sincerely approach Holy Communion with awe, praise, and gratefulness.

People: It is a marvelous experience to approach the Lord's Table in celebration of Holy Communion with all of God's people in the church universal. Heavenly Creator, please allow your wondrous grace to overshadow us as we express thankfulness for our Savior's love and compassion.

Leader: Thank you Lord that everyone who confesses Christ as Savior is invited to commemorate Holy Communion with hearts filled with joy as we declare that Jesus is truly the hope of the world.

People: We celebrate Holy Communion with thankfulness that Christ has made us worthy to approach the Lord's Table in obedience to God's Holy Word. We remember the great sacrifice of Jesus that provides us grace, mercy, and forgiveness.

Unison: We eat this bread and drink this cup with love and gratitude as we proclaim Christ's saving power to the world. We lift up our hearts and voices to Christ the Lord and offer thanks for granting us everlasting life.

Blessing of the Bread and Cup

Receiving of the Holy Communion

Prayer after Communion: **Unison Prayer**
Precious Savior, thank you for inviting us to celebrate Holy Communion. We appreciate the wonderful opportunity to be renewed through your Holy Spirit so that we can share the good news of salvation to others. Please keep us steadfast in your holy pathway as we experience the challenges and opportunities of this new year. We ask all of these things in your most holy name, Amen.

*Hymn "Behold What Manner of Love" insert

Benediction

Postlude

All music in our bulletin is protected under CCLI#1409680

SHARING THE WORD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Every member a minister...

Accompanist Michelle West
Projectionist Kaleigh Freimuth
Ushers Jim Mitchell, Dave Nichols, Chuck Rittmeyer
Greeters Judy Mitchell, Marcee Kieback
Acolytes Grace & Joe Erb

The Session of First Presbyterian Church has called for a Special Congregational Meeting, today, immediately following the worship service. The purpose of this meeting is for electing of officers for the Session.

Behold, What Manner of Love

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Moderato
I D (2-part canon) G

mp Be - hold, what man - ner of love the Fa - ther has

D A D

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

G D A D II

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
Praise the Lord for grace and mercy. 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

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Unison Prayer concluding with The Lord's Prayer

Wonderful Savior, we give you thanks for the many blessings that you provide us. We are sincerely grateful for all the wonderful joys you grant us. Also, dear Lord, we lift up to you our concerns of health, illness, spiritual needs, and physical needs in our daily lives. We ask for your blessings, your love, your healing touch, and your guidance as we experience daily challenges. Grant us your strength and wisdom so we can share your grace and mercy to those that are around us. In your holy name we pray as you taught your disciples to pray...

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings

*Doxology

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*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.

*Hymn

"As With Gladness Men of Old"

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