

First Presbyterian Church
Winnebago, Illinois
January 8, 2017
10:30 a.m.

Announcements

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

All groups meet at the church unless otherwise specified.

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

Session will meet on Monday at 7 p.m.

Chicks with Sticks will meet on Tuesday at Ann Fuller's home starting at 7 p.m. If you are interested in learning to knit or crochet, please join us as we work on local community projects.

Newsletter Deadline for submissions is Wednesday.

Choir will meet on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Rockford Rescue Mission our night to serve is this Friday at 6 p.m. Call the church office if you are interested in helping.

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 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.

Annual reports are due by Monday, January 9.

Liturgical color is white for the redemptive work of Jesus Christ

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" Mark Hayes

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship **Unison Reading**
The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters. Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? The one who has clean hands and a pure heart. The one who has a pure heart loves the Lord and the house where he lives and dwells. I am thankful that my feet stand on level ground in the great congregation of the Lord. 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. Praise the Lord.

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

Prayer of Adoration and Confession: **Unison Reading**
Heavenly Creator, we offer our praise to you for your wonderful gospel. Your gospel calls us to turn away from sin and to be faithful to Christ. This morning we humbly request that you forgive us of all our wrongdoings and grant us your mercy and grace so that we can be renewed and can clearly see your glorious truth. We ask this in Jesus precious name.

“Give Me Jesus”

Verse 1:

In the morning when I rise,
In the morning when I rise,
In the morning when I rise,
Give me Jesus. **(chorus)**

Chorus:

Give me Jesus,
Give me Jesus,
You may have all the rest,
Give me Jesus.

Verse 2:

Dark midnight was my cry,
Dark midnight was my cry,
Dark midnight was my cry,
Give me Jesus. **(chorus)**

Verse 3:

Just about the break of day,
Just about the break of day,
Just about the break of day,
Give me Jesus. **(chorus)**

Verse 4:

Oh, when I come to die,
Oh, when I come to die,
Oh, when I come to die,
Give me Jesus. **(chorus)**

Assurance of Forgiveness and Pardon: **Unison Reading**
I praise God for the mercy that Christ offers to me. He came to give his people forgiveness, pardon, and salvation. By faith in the holy promises of God, I know that forgiveness and pardon are mine through the sacrifice of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Gloria Patri #579

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer concluding with the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn “As With Gladness Men of Old” #63

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings

“All the Earth” Lucien Deiss

*Doxology #592

*Prayer of Dedication **Unison prayer**

Most gracious Savior, 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: James 2:23; John 15:14 - 15; Philippians 1:3 - 6
pg. 1229; 1100; 1195

Message: “Honoring a Special Friend”

Dr. Carroll Smith

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn "Give Me Jesus" insert

Benediction

Postlude "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" K. Thomerson

All music in our bulletin is protected under CCLI#1409680

Church phone number	815-335-2051
Pastoral Cell	815-742-7503
Attendance	54
Offerings / Memorials	\$2634.00 / \$100.00

2017 Per capita - \$36.11 per member

SHARING THE WORD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Every member a minister...

Accompanist	Lorita Ooyen
Projectionist	Rachel Rittmeyer
Ushers	Norm Dean, Jim Morrison, Chuck Rittmeyer
Greeters	Susan Gambrel, Bev Williams
Acolytes	Madyson Goike, Renee Rittmeyer

Looking ahead...

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.

**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)*



*Flowers today are sponsored by:
The Presbyterian Women in honor of a special person*

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