

First Presbyterian Church  
Winnebago, Illinois  
July 17, 2016  
9:30 a.m.

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Liturgical color is green for Ordinary Time

### PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" Teresa Wilhelmi

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 23 (KJV) **Unison Reading**  
**The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever. Therefore, I enter into this worship service this morning with praise on my lips and belief in my heart so that I can understand the Lord more clearly. Praise the Lord!**

\*Hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth" #473

Call to Confession: **Unison Prayer**  
**Merciful Creator, please forgive me of all my wrongdoings and cleanse my heart so that I can learn of you more deeply and can show the light of salvation to those that live in darkness. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen**

### Announcements

Our Church Website: <http://www.thewfpc.org>  
(prayer request cards are now available on the table in the narthex)

### Please keep in prayer:

Dee Swigart.

All groups meet at the church unless otherwise specified.

**Pastor Carroll** is available via his cell phone this week.  
His email is: [pastor1@thewfpc.org](mailto:pastor1@thewfpc.org)

**Be Inspired!** Would you like to increase your knowledge of the bible and grow your relationship with God? Become a Sunday School teacher. Teaching is a wonderful way to deepen your faith while building our children's. We are looking for teachers for Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st, and 6th-7th grade/puppet ministry. Easy to teach, life applicable curriculum is provided for you. Afraid to commit for the entire year? Maybe co-teach. We would love to be creative and use any time or skills that are given. If you are interested or have any questions please feel free to contact Stacy Weavel at (815)289-7686.

**Fall Bazaar** Are you crafty? Then we need you! Donations are needed for the Fall Bazaar that runs in combination with our famous Turkey Dinner. For more information see Jill Sunday.

**Church World Service's Kits Program** Last year, with your help, PW brought 30 school kits and 4 clean-up buckets to the Presbytery Meeting in November. This year's goal is 50 school kits and 35 hygiene kits. Flyers are in the narthex with a list for the kits.

**Old Fashioned Sunday Picnic** After the service on July 31, there will be a picnic at Jean Meissen's woods. Hot dogs, chips, s'mores and drinks are provided. Please bring lawn chairs. Jean is located at 12012 Montague Rd. If you have any questions call Jean at 815-335-2601 or Judie at 815-335-2991.

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*Hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" #438

Benediction

Postlude "We Have Come Into His House" Bill Wolaver

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 61  
Offerings \$1710.00

**SHARING THE WORD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD**

*Every member a minister...*

Accompanist Dixie Leden  
Ushers Volunteers and Chuck Rittmeyer  
Greeters Matt & Thessa Mitchell  
Acolytes Renee Rittmeyer, Thea Mitchell

**Looking ahead...**

July 24 - Christmas in July!

July 31 - Old fashioned picnic in the Meissen's woods

Assurance of Pardon:

**Unison Reading**

**Thank you Lord for your promise of mercy and grace. Your forgiveness allows me the opportunity to offer my praise to Jesus for His sacrifice. Now, I am pure and I give honor to my Savior for my freedom from sin. In faith, I accept the Lord's mercy, forgiveness, pardon, and love. In Jesus' Holy name. Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri #579

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer concluding with The Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit" #398

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings

"Sweet-By-And-By" Cindy Berry

\*Doxology #592

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Unison Prayer**

**Heavenly Creator, we offer these gifts of tithes and offerings with hearts filled with joy. Assist us to be generous and courageous in declaring the gospel message of redemption with others through our time, skills, and talents. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

**RECEIVING THE WORD**

Scripture: John 3:16; John 8:32; Galatians 5:1

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Message: "Understanding God's Love and Believing in my Heart"

Dr. Carroll Smith

# Sunday Funday



Join the family band for  
Christmas in July!!

Following the worship service  
on July 24  
stay and play Christmas carols  
on your instrument  
(whether you have played recently or  
in years it doesn't matter)  
...or sit back and enjoy the fun.  
Bring some cookies to share  
if you can, but don't worry  
if you can't.

If you have any questions, call Jan Mitchell  
at 815-335-2389.