

First Presbyterian Church  
Winnebago, Illinois  
July 24, 2016  
9:30 a.m.

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Liturgical color is green for Ordinary Time

### **PREPARING FOR THE WORD**

Prelude "Christmas Bells" Robert W. Thygeron

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship: **Responsive Reading**

Leader: God's intent was that through the church his eternal purpose would be accomplished in Christ Jesus. Now, we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

**People: Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because Jesus has set us free. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us who live according to the Spirit.**

Leader: Therefore, in view of God's mercy, we offer ourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is our true and proper worship.

**People: Let us be transformed by the renewing of our minds and hearts so that we will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.**

**Unison: Therefore, we enter this worship service with joy and gratitude. We offer praise to the Lord and we desire to know Jesus more deeply so that our lives will be pleasing unto God. Glory be to the Lord!**

### **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** will be in the office Monday and Tuesday afternoons.  
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.



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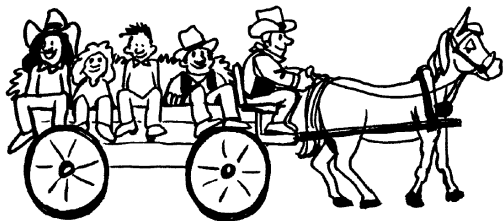
## Old Fashioned Sunday Picnic

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 Meissen at 815-335-2601  
or  
Judie Coots at 815-335-2991.



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

Call to Confession: **Unison Prayer**  
**Compassionate Creator, please absolve me of all my transgressions and refresh my heart and mind so that I can more easily learn of you and can show the light of salvation to the world that is in darkness. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon: **Unison Reading**  
**Thank you Lord for your mercy and grace. Your forgiveness allows me to offer my praise to Jesus with a clean heart. Your pardon makes me pure and allows me to truly receive your love. In Jesus Holy name I give the Lord gratitude and devotion. Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri #579

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

\*Hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" #403

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings  
"Christmas Song" Dorothy Wells

\*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: Ephesians 3:10 - 12; Romans 8:1 - 4; Romans 12:1 - 2  
pg. 1191; 1151;1156

Message: "Understanding God's Love Renovates Thinking"  
Dr. Carroll Smith

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

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

Benediction

Postlude "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" Hughes

All music in our bulletin is protected under CCLI#1409680

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**Looking ahead...**

July 31 - Neutral pulpit guest pastor  
July 31 - Old fashioned picnic in the Meissen's woods

Church phone number 815-335-2051  
Pastoral Cell 815-742-7503  
Attendance / Offerings 59 / \$1083.00

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**SHARING THE WORD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD**

*Every member a minister...*

Accompanist Karen Neimeier  
Ushers Greg & Chuck Rittmeyer  
Greeters Jim & Rita Mitchell  
Acolytes Riley Starkey, Mitchel Cunningham

*Sunday Funday*



*Join the family band today  
for Christmas in July!!  
Following the worship service today  
stay and play  
Christmas carols on your instrument  
(whether you have played recently or  
not in years it doesn't matter)  
...or sit back and enjoy the fun.  
Refreshments to be served afterwards.  
Everyone is welcome.*