

**First Presbyterian Church
Winnebago, Illinois
July 3, 2016
9:30 a.m.**

Liturgical color is green for Ordinary Time

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Pledge of Allegiance to the Christian & American Flags **Unison**

I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag, and to the Saviour for whose Kingdom it stands; one Saviour, crucified, risen, and coming again with life and liberty for all who believe.

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Call to Worship

Leader: We gather this morning appreciating our freedom to worship God.

People: May God continue to bless our congregation as we share blessing of Christ to the people of this great land.

Leader: We draw near to the God who rules over all nations.

People: May God continue to bless our country and all the countries in the world so that we can live in harmony and peace together with all peoples on the earth.

Leader: May God continue to establish peace on earth and help us understand that it begins in our hearts.

Responsive Reading

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.

The Church Offices will be closed in Monday.

Office hours for Pastor Carroll are Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. His email is: pastor1@thewfpc.org

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

Summer music Musicians of all ages can sign-up on the summer music calendar on the bulletin board and/or call Michelle or the church office. There are still a lot of spaces to fill!

Flowers and Bulletin sign up sheets are on the bulletin board. Bulletins are \$20. Flowers are \$25 (new lower price).

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.

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. Check back-to-school sales, for items needed for those kits. The collection will continue until Rally Sunday. The kits will be dedicated on Thank Offering Sunday in November, and then taken to Stronghold for Church World Service to pick up. Please help with this much appreciated effort.

SHARING THE WORD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Every member a minister...

Accompanist	Michelle West
Special music	Jason Luna
Projectionist	Rachel Rittmeyer
Ushers	Jim Mitchell, Dave Nichols, Chuck Rittmeyer
Greeters	Bill & Susie Newkirk
Acolytes	Joe & Grace Erb

Church phone number	815-335-2051
Pastoral Cell	815-742-7503
Attendance	63
Offerings	\$1558.00

2016 Per capita - \$35.66 per member, \$2616.37 collected to date.

Looking ahead...

July 24 - Christmas in July!

Unison: Come, let us worship the Lord this morning with joy and singing and praise!

*Hymn "My Country Tis of Thee" #561

Apostles Creed pg. 14

Call to Confession: **Unison Prayer**
Merciful Savior, please forgive us of all our wrongdoings with your loving kindness and allow us to be clean and holy in your sight. Cleanse our hearts so that we can share the freedom you provide through redemption. In you wonderful name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: **Unison Reading**
With great delight, I offer my praise to Jesus for His forgiveness. Through wondrous mercy I am made pure and I am free in Christ. I give glory and honor to my Savior for my pardon and liberty. Amen.

*Gloria Patri #579

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Special Music

*Hymn "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" #564

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings

*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 as generous to you as you are generous to us. Give us courage to declare the gospel message of redemption with others through our time, skills, and talents. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

RECEIVING THE WORD

Scripture: Romans 8:21 pg. 1152

Message: "Grace and Freedom"

Dr. Carroll Smith

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Leader: Approaching the Lord's Table and commemorating Holy Communion allows Christians to celebrate with the church universal. We give thanks to our Savior for His great love so that we have forgiveness from sin. This morning we celebrate Holy Communion with hearts filled with joy and thanksgiving. We show the world that we declare Jesus as Lord and Savior.

People: We enter into this celebration with humble hearts and with gratitude that Christ has made us worthy through the brokenness of His body and the shedding of His Blood.

Leader: We remember how much the Lord sacrificed to provide us grace, mercy, forgiveness, and salvation.

People: We eat this bread and drink this cup proclaiming Christ's saving power and with deep gratitude we offer the Lord our praise and adoration.

***Unison:* We lift up our hearts to Christ the Lord. We give thanks for His sacrifice so that we have the blessing of redemption. We ask that our celebration at the Lord's Table will help us to live a life that is pleasing to him.**

The Bread and the Cup: Blessing and Praise

Receiving of the Holy Communion coming forward

Prayer after Communion **Unison Prayer**
Heavenly Creator, thank you for this celebration of Holy Communion and renewing us through the power of your Holy Spirit. Help us to share the good news of salvation and freedom so that others may be blessed with the renewing of their hearts, minds, and souls. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Benediction: **Unison Prayer**
Dear loving Savior, bless our nation so that its people can live up to the ideals of freedom and justice for all. Give our leaders (our president, Congress, governors, state officials, and local officers) clear vision and courage as they make decisions affecting the future of our world. Make us more deeply aware of our rights, duties, and responsibilities as citizens. Help this great nation and all its people to clearly know your will so that you are honored and praised in our daily lives. We asked all of these requests in your glorious name. Amen.

Postlude

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