

First Presbyterian Church
Winnebago, Illinois
June 15, 2013
5 p.m.

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Welcome

*Songs of Praise “Everlasting God” and “You Are My King”

Prayer of Adoration

O God our Sovereign, how wonderful are the many ways we experience your presence! Help us to draw near to you, that we may receive all that you have to offer us in this time and place. Open our ears so that we can hear wisdom’s call. Set our hearts ablaze with your healing fire. Nourish us with the gift of community. Empower us to follow and to serve you, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, hear us now as we pray in Jesus name.

Call to Reconciliation

If you are looking for proof of God's love, here it is: at the very moment we realize we cannot help ourselves, that is the time we discover God has saved us in Christ Jesus. Join me as we pray to our God, saying,

Call to Confession

Unison Reading

How easily we pat ourselves on the back, Listening Love, for the lives we lead. We welcome the praise of others, but have little compassion for those who have failed us. We assume that a comfortable life is our birthright, yet believe poor choices produce suffering for those around us. We boast of the good we do, but forget to thank you for all that you have given to us.

Forgive us, Companion of Compassion, for breaking your heart, and disappointing your hopes for us. As we seek to follow your

Child, may we be found with those whose lives are barren, with those who know little laughter in their day, with those who have received no love from others - for in their presence, we will find Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

Listen to the good news - the kingdom of God is very near. As close as a child's laughter, as embracing as a father's love, as enfolding as a mother's caress.

We are God's people: called, that we may follow; gifted, that we may serve; forgiven, that we might bring hope. Thanks be to God. Amen.

RECEIVING THE WORD

Scripture: Romans 5:1-5

Message: Boldness of Hope:
“Hearing and Speaking God’s Voice for Modern Times”
Pastor Brian LeBaron

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings

*Prayer of Dedication

Unison

We give thanks, O God, for all that you have given us. Pour out your blessing on these tithes and offerings, that they might be a source of blessing in our church, in our community, and in our world. Through this act of sharing, may we counter fear with hope and transform scarcity through generosity. We offer this prayer in the name of the Creator, the Christ and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Song of Praise

“Thank You Lord”

Blessing

Announcements

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

Our Prayer request email is: first-pres-prayer@googlegroups.com

All groups meet at the church unless otherwise specified.

Ruth Circle will meet on Tuesday at the church starting at 1:30 p.m.
Sue Jansen and Elaine Look are your hostesses.

Summer Worship Music The worship committee is looking for music for our summer worship services.

VBS Dates have been set for June 24-28 from 9-11:30 a.m.

VBS Wish Coupons We do not charge for our VBS program, instead we ask for donations of needed items for the week. Take a coupon(s) and bring back the items by June 23. Thank you for your support!

Fastor Pastor race is Wednesday June 26th. Join fellow church members at the Rockford Speedway to cheer on Pastor Steve as he weaves through traffic on to victory! Tickets are \$8 for adults / \$4 for children and can be picked up at the church. Half the price of the ticket will be donated back to the church. For more information contact Rick Carr 815-742-4446.

Please keep in prayer:

Bob Reed. Richard Meyer. Bob Look. Paula Price.

Looking ahead...

Later this month:

Guest speakers for the remaining June Saturday services

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