

**First Presbyterian Church
Winnebago, Illinois
March 11, 2018 PW Birthday Offering
10:30 a.m.**

Liturgical color purple is for the season of penitence & preparation

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude "Once Again with What a Wonderful Savior" Matt Redman

Welcome/Announcements/Minute for Missions, Mary Anne Smith

Call to Worship: from Psalm 103 (NLT) **Responsive Reading**
Leader: Let all that I am praise the LORD; with my whole heart, I will praise his holy name.

People: Let all that I am praise the LORD; may I never forget the good things he does for me.

Leader: He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases. He redeems me from death and crowns me with love and tender mercies.

People: Praise the Lord. He fills my life with good things. My youth is renewed like the eagle's! This morning I come to worship the Lord with love, joyfulness, and singing! Amen.

*Hymn "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" #263

Prayer of Confession: from Psalm 103 **Unison Prayer**
I give glory and honor to the Heavenly Creator. I offer my praise to the Lord and I ask for mercy and forgiveness. Please wash away my sins and grant me love and compassion. Fill me with your grace so my heart will be clean and pure in your sight. In Christ's name I pray, Amen.

Announcements

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

All groups meet at the church unless otherwise specified.

2018 Directories are now available on the table in the hall. One per family please.

Pastor Carroll is in the office on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. His email is: pastor1@thewfpc.org

Chicks with Sticks will meet on Tuesday at the home of Barb Whitney starting at 7 p.m. If you like to knit or crochet, please join us. All are welcome!

Newsletter deadline Items for the newsletter are due by Wednesday.

Choir will meet on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Workcampers are selling Anna's Bucks again this year. Please see Jake Smith, Logan Gray, or Barb Whitney.

Remember or honor loved ones by sponsoring flowers and/or bulletins. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board. Bulletins are \$20 / Flowers are \$15 (1) or \$25 (2) arrangement(s).

Sesquicentennial Celebrations If you know someone who grew up attending The First Presbyterian and would like to attend some of our Sesquicentennial events please notify Bev Samsel at: bpsamsel@gmail.com, 815-335-2892 or 815-871-8969.

Looking ahead...

- March 14 - Lenten Soup Supper & Service
- March 18 - Choir performs / Sesquicentennial potluck kickoff
- March 25 - Palm Sunday/Puppeteers
- March 29 - Maundy Thursday Lenten Soup Supper & Service

Lenten Soup Suppers & Services

The church will offer
Wednesday Lenten Soup Suppers
and worship services



Wednesday, March 14 - 5:30 p.m. Soup supper and 6:30 p.m. service

A free will offering will be taken, donations will go to the One Great Hour of Sharing.

Additional date: Maundy Thursday, March 29, The Last Supper...



*Flowers and bulletins today are sponsored by:
The Presbyterian Women for the Birthday Offering*

Assurance of Forgiveness and Pardon: (Ephesians 1:7)

Unison prayer

Merciful and loving Creator, I am very grateful to know that Christ's grace is sufficient. Thank you for your son's love and mercy. With faith in your holy promises, I give thanks to you for my forgiveness and pardon in Jesus name. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

#579

Children's Choir

"The B-I-B-L-E and Jesus Loves Me "

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Unison Prayer concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Wondrous Savior, we give you thanks for the many blessings and joys that you provide us. Along with the joys for which we are so appreciative, we bring our concerns to you because your holy word tells us that we are to place our cares and burdens before you. Precious Lord, you have heard the concerns and we ask for your healing touch to bring recovery from illness, sadness, grieve, and pain. Encourage us through your Holy Spirit so that we can receive your love, comfort, mercy, and grace. We are sincerely grateful for your goodness in our lives and that is why we pray as you taught your disciples to pray...

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings "Take and Eat This Bread"

Paul A. Tate

*Doxology

#592

*Prayer of Dedication

Unison prayer

God of Mercy, you displayed your wondrous love by sending Jesus into this world. Thank you for the blessings that we have received because you gave us your holy son. We now present these gifts to you with love and ask that you would bless our offerings so that they may provide abundant resources for those supplying Christian service and comfort to those in need. Thank you for the opportunity to share your blessings through our time, skills, and talents. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

*Hymn

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

#85

Passing of the Peace

RECEIVING THE WORD

Scripture: Hebrews 4:16; Matthew 5:14 – 16 pg. 1219; 985

Message: “Welcome to This Place”
Dr. Carroll Smith

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn “Give Me Jesus” insert

Benediction **Unison Reading**
Let Jesus Christ, the true Light of the world, help us to be holy and pure in every good work that we do. Let our efforts be well-pleasing in the Lord’s sight, so that we can share God’s blessings and the light of truth with others with a clear vision of Christ in our daily living. Amen.

Postlude “Faithful One” Brian Doerksen

All music in our bulletin is protected under CCLI#1409680

SHARING THE WORD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Every member a minister...

Accompanist Lorita Ooyen
Children’s Choir Kaleigh Freimuth, Rachel Rittmeyer, Angelica Storey
Projectionist Kaleigh Freimuth
Ushers Norm Dean, Jim Morrison, Chuck Rittmeyer
Greeters Faye Reed, Alta Straley
Acolytes Grace & Joe Erb

Church phone number / Pastoral Cell 815-335-2051 / 815-742-7503
Attendance / Offerings 109 / \$2540.00
2018 per capita is \$36.34 **per member**, collected to date \$1641.19

“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)**

EASTER LILY SALE

The worship committee is selling Easter lilies for the sanctuary.
These are beautiful single stemmed plants.

Turn orders into Susan Gambrel.
If you have any questions please call her at 815-262-4626.

Orders due are by March 21

Name: _____

I would like to order _____ lily plant(s) @ \$10

Total paid _____

Make Checks payable to: First Presbyterian Church

In memory/honor of: _____



SESQUICENTENNIAL POTLUCK DINNER

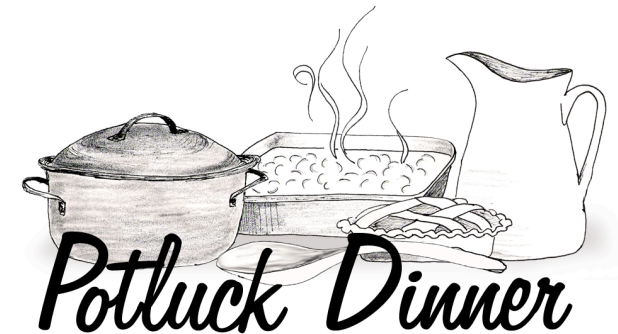
LET THE CELEBRATION BEGIN!

SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2018
FOLLOWING CHURCH SERVICE

Meat dishes including original menu item of pot pies and beverages will be provided.

Members of the congregation are asked to bring salads or desserts.

Please bring your own table service and a vintage or picnic tablecloth.



There is no cost, reservations may be made by calling

Bev Samsel at 815-871-8969 or
Marian Pedrick at 815-335-2457

Reservation deadline: Friday, March 16