

First Presbyterian Church  
Winnebago, Illinois  
March 12, 2017  
10:30 a.m.

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Liturgical color is purple for the season of penitence & preparation

**PREPARING FOR THE WORD**

Prelude "The Power of the Cross" Getty and Townsend

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship **Unison Reading**  
**Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. The Lord forgives all our sins and redeems our lives. The Lord crowns us with love and compassion, is gracious and abounding in love. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. This morning we come to worship the Lord with love, joyfulness, and singing! Amen and Amen.**

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

Prayer of Confession: **Unison prayer**  
**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.

**Pastor Carroll** will be in the office Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. His email is: [pastor1@thewfpc.org](mailto:pastor1@thewfpc.org)

**Chicks with Sticks** will meet on Tuesday at 7 p.m. at April Haeflinger's home. If you are interested in helping us with community projects, let us know.

**Choir** will meet on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

**Lenten Service and Soup Suppers** March 15, 29 and April 13 are the dates for the remaining Soup Suppers and Lenten Services. Soup Suppers start at 5:30 p.m., Lenten service starts at 6:30 p.m.

**Anna's Bucks** are available for \$10 each, see Kaitlyn or Kaleigh Freimuth, or Barb Whitney.

**Remember or honor** loved ones by sponsoring flowers and/or bulletins. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board, or contact Susan Gambrel at 815-262-4626.

**Looking ahead...**

March 15 - Lenten Soup Supper and Service  
March 19 - Choir  
March 26 - Puppeteers  
March 29 - Lenten Soup Supper and Service

# Lenten Soup Suppers & Services

The church offers Lenten Soup Suppers  
followed by a Lenten Service

Wednesdays, March 15 & 29

Maundy Thursday, April 13



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

**Everyone is welcome!**

Assurance of Forgiveness and Pardon:

**Unison Prayer**

**Merciful and loving Creator, I am very grateful to know that Christ's grace is sufficient. Thank you for your son's forgiveness and pardon. 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"  
"Every Move I Make"

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer concluding with the Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

#85

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings

"Beyond the Days"

Manalo

\*Doxology

#592

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Unison prayer**

**Wondrous Savior, you are worthy of all our praise. Thank you for your blessings and the opportunity to show our appreciation through tithing, gifts, and offerings. Thank you for the opportunities that we have to receive your blessings and to share those blessings through our time, skills, and talents. In your holy name we pray, Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

## **RECEIVING THE WORD**

Scripture:

Matthew 5:14 - 16

pg. 985

Message:

"Lent: A Time to Share Light"

Dr. Carroll Smith

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*Hymn "Give Me Jesus" insert

Benediction  
Postlude "Go Light Your World" Rice

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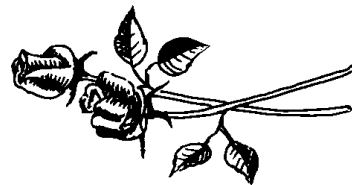
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Church phone number 815-335-2051  
Pastoral Cell 815-742-7503  
Attendance 107  
Offerings \$2274.00  
2017 Per capita - \$36.11 per member, \$1817.40 to date.

SHARING THE WORD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

*Every member a minister...*

Accompanist Lorita Ooyen  
Children's Choir Kaitlyn & Kaleigh Freimuth, Angelica Storey  
Projectionist Rachel Rittmeyer  
Ushers Norm Dean, Jim Morrison, Chuck Rittmeyer  
Greeters Terry & Christie Schweitz  
Acolytes Mikayla & Isabelle Gray



*Flowers and bulletins today are sponsored by:  
The Presbyterian Women in honor of Birthday Sunday*

**"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)**