

**First Presbyterian Church  
Winnebago, Illinois  
March 13, 2016  
10:30 a.m.**

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Liturgical color purple is for the season of penitence & preparation

**PREPARING FOR THE WORD**

Prelude "The Power of the Cross" Getty & Townend

Welcome/Announcements

Minute for Missions Sheree Sensel

Call to Worship **Responsive Reading**

Leader: Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God.

**People: Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy,**

Leader: for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now.

**People: And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.**

**Unison: May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation—the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ—for this will bring much glory and praise to God.**

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

**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. Paula Price.

All groups meet at the church unless otherwise specified.

**Office hours for Pastor Carroll** are Wednesday 2-6 p.m. and Thursday from 9 a.m. - noon. His email is: [pastor1@thewfpc.org](mailto:pastor1@thewfpc.org)

**Ruth Circle** will meet on Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. Marian Pedrick and Avis Lind are your hostesses.

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

**Newsletter deadline** Articles and figures are due by Wednesday.

**2016 Per capita** is \$35.66 per member. \$2116.09 collected to date.

**Help** I need a few more volunteers to help with the monthly newsletter. Call Betsy Menge at 815-964-2683.

**Survey mailings** are still being accepted.

**PW** toilet paper drive has been extended to March 20. As of March 5, we have collected almost 750 rolls. The Rockford Rescue Mission uses 50 rolls per day. Our goal is provide them a months supply! A list of other needed supplies is on their website ([www.rockfordrescuemission.org](http://www.rockfordrescuemission.org).) under the give section. Thank you for your support.

## Lenten Soup Suppers & Services

The church will offer its regular Lenten Soup Supper and service every other Wednesday as it has in the past. New this year, we are adding one more Wednesday!

March 16 - Pastor Carroll @ WEFC- we are the hosts

March 23 - Pastor Carroll

March 24 - Maundy Thursday *service only* 6:30 p.m.



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

## Looking ahead...

March 13 - Pastor Carroll / PW Birthday Sunday

March 20 - Palm Sunday - Pastor Carroll / Choir

March 23 - Pastor Carroll / Lenten Soup Supper & Service

March 24 - Maundy Thursday - Pastor Claire / Choir

March 27 - SonRise Service - Pastor Claire

March 27 - Easter Service - Pastor Carroll



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

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer

**Wonderful Lord, I confess before you that my ears are often deaf to the whisper of your call and my eyes are often blind to the signs of your guidance. Forgive me for my sins and help me to change. Please make my heart receptive to you so that I may receive the blessing of your forgiveness and the warmth of your love. In Christ's name I pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Unison Reading

**In obedience to God's Holy Word, I have confessed my sins and I have asked for mercy and forgiveness. Through the gracious sacrifice of Jesus the Savior, I accept my pardon and the assurance of Christ's Loving Grace. In faith I pray in Jesus name. Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri

#579

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

"Be the Centre"

Michael Frye

\*Doxology

#592

\*Prayer of Dedication

Unison Prayer

**Precious Savior, thank you for your wonderful blessings. In obedience to your Holy Word we offer our tithes, gifts, and offerings to you. Help us to be generous in our financial giving as well as in giving of our time and effort so that you may receive glory through the generosity we share with others in our community. In Christ's Holy Name we pray, Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

**RECEIVING THE WORD**

Scripture: Philippians 1:3-6; 11 pg. 1195

Message: "Look Long Term Not Short Term"  
Dr. Carroll Smith

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*Hymn "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" insert

Benediction

Postlude "You Are the Light of the World" Paul A. Tate

All music in our bulletin is protected under CCLI#1409680

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Church phone number	815-335-2051
Pastoral Cell	815-742-7503
Attendance	99
Offerings	\$2316.00

**SHARING THE WORD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD**

*Every member a minister...*

Accompanist	Lorita Ooyen
Projectionist	Rachel Rittmeyer
Ushers	Chuck Rittmeyer, Norm Dean, Jim Morrison
Greeters	Steve & Barb Whitney
Acolytes	Evan & Alec Weavel

**God Be With You Till We Meet Again**

Words: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1880

Music: William G. Tomer, 1882



1 God be with you till we meet a - gain! By His coun - sels  
 God be with you till we meet a - gain! 'Neath His wings pro -  
 God be with you till we meet a - gain! When life's per - ils  
 God be with you till we meet a - gain! Keep love's ban - ner



guide, up - hold you, With His sheep se - cure - ly fold you.  
 tect - ing hide you, Dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you.  
 thick con - found you, Put His arms un - fail - ing round you.  
 float - ing o'er you, Smite death's threat - ning wave be - fore you.



God be with you till we meet a - gain! Till we meet \_\_\_! Till we



meet! Till we meet at Je - sus' feet; Till we



meet \_\_\_! Till we meet! God be with you till we meet a - gain!