

First Presbyterian Church  
Winnebago, Illinois  
March 15, 2015  
10:30 a.m.

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**PREPARING FOR THE WORD**

Prelude “Wonderful, Merciful Savior” Carol Turnquist

Introit “Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place” Lanny Wolf

Welcome/Announcements

Minute for Missions Christie Schweitz

\*Hymn “How Great Is Our God” insert

Call to Worship: Psalm 108:1 - 5: **Responsive Reading**

**Leader:** My heart is confident in you, O God; no wonder I can sing your praises with all my heart!

**People:** Wake up, lyre and harp! I will wake the dawn with my song.

**Leader:** I will thank you, LORD, among all the people. I will sing your praises among the nations.

**People:** For your unfailing love is higher than the heavens. Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

**Unison:** Be exalted, O God, above the highest heavens. May your glory shine over all the earth.

Call to Confession: **Unison The Lord’s Prayer**

**Announcements**

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

**Our Prayer request email:** [first-pres-prayer@googlegroups.com](mailto:first-pres-prayer@googlegroups.com)

*All groups meet at the church unless otherwise specified.*

**Final request** The 2015 is being finalized, this is the last request for any changes in your addresses or phone numbers.

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

**Deacons** will meet on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

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

**Newsletter deadline** is this Wednesday.

**Maundy Thursday** is April 2. We will have a service at 6:30 p.m. led by Pastor Carroll Smith.

**Anna’s Bucks** for \$10 each. Help raise funds for the mission trip, see Kaitlyn Freimuth or Barb Whitney.

**Per Capita** is \$35.61 per member. Collected to date \$

**Questions?** During our time of transition Session asks that you contact them with questions, problems etc. Call Rick Carr at 815-742-4446 or Ted Busch at 815-979-3333 after 5 p.m.

**Please keep in prayer:**

Paula Price. Clyde Grover. Elijah Little Eagle.

Postlude "Irish Blessing" Lori Line  
All music in our bulletin is protected under CCLI#1409680

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Church phone number 815-335-2051  
Attendance / Offerings 74 / \$1991.00

SHARING THE WORD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

*Every member a minister...*

Accompanist / Choir Director Michelle West  
Chamber group Terry Schweitz-cello, Christie Schweitz-violin  
Jim Brechlin-bass, Jan Mitchell-french horn, Michelle West-piano  
Projectionist Kaitlyn Freimuth  
Ushers Chuck Rittmeyer and volunteers  
Greeters Mat & Debbie Smith  
Acolytes Michael Cunningham & Jason Luna



*Flowers and bulletins today are sponsored by:*

*Mowen, Cunningham, Troup and Hinojosa families  
In memory of Mike Mowen*

Assurance of Forgiveness **Unison prayer**  
**Our Savior has promised his forgiveness and pardon. His forgiveness and  
pardon come from His gracious love and mercy. In faith, I accept the Lord's  
mercy, forgiveness, pardon, and love. In Jesus Holy name. Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri #579

Anthem "Lenten Meditation" Jay Althouse

Sharing of Joys and Concerns  
Pastoral Prayer

\*Hymn "Take My Life" #391

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings  
"I Surrender All" Lori Line

\*Doxology #592  
\*Prayer of Dedication

RECEIVING THE WORD

Scripture: Ephesians 3:10-11 (NLT)

Message: "A Vision of Blessings"  
Pastor Carroll Smith

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*Hymn "You Shall Go Out with Joy" insert

Benediction **Unison Reading**  
**Lord Jesus, we have experienced your blessings this morning. Give us  
courage to leave this celebration with confidence in your word so that we  
may share your wondrous blessings and love to this community. Help us to  
share your truth and bring glory to your name. Amen.**

## “How Great Is Our God”

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty,  
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,  
And trembles at his voice, trembles at his voice. **(chorus)**

*Chorus:*

How great is our God, sing with me,  
How great is our God, all with see,  
How great, how great is our God.

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands,  
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end.  
The Godhead, three in one: Father, Spirit, Son,  
The Lion and the Lamb, The Lion and the Lamb **(chorus)**

Name above all names, worthy of all praise,  
My heart will sing, how great is our God.  
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My heart will sing, how great is our God.

## Looking ahead...

March 18 - Lenten Service and Soup Supper  
March 22 - Pastor Claire Brennecka / Puppeteers  
March 29 - Pastor Claire Brennecka / Palm Sunday

## Lenten Worship Service and Soup Supper



Join us on Wednesday, March 18 for the last Lenten Soup Supper and Worship Service

**Soup is served at 5:30 p.m. / Worship Service will follow at 6:30 p.m.**

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

***PLEASE JOIN US, ALL ARE WELCOME!***

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### **Workcamp 2015 Ocean View Delaware**

Last chance to join our 2015 Workcamp Team! We have one opening for a high school student to join this year's mission trip, where we will be repairing homes for elderly, low income, and disabled citizens. Our team currently consists of Kaitlyn Freimuth and Dillon Melin with adult chaperones Stephanie Freimuth, Tyler Busch, and Barb Whitney. Contact Barb Whitney (815-335-1048) ASAP for more information.

### **Workcamp Rummage Sale**

We are currently making plans for our annual rummage sale. If you would be able to help with set-up, pricing, and/or working the days of the sale, **please contact Barb Whitney** (815-335-1048).

### **Work Camp Shares**

Workcampers will be selling shares for \$10 each starting in March. Shareholders will receive a postcard from a camper and an invitation for our shareholder dinner where we will share our camp experience and pictures. See Barb Whitney or Kaitlyn Freimuth.