

SHARING THE WORD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Every member a minister...

Accompanist / Choir Director	Michelle West
Projectionist	Rachel Rittmeyer
Ushers	Greg & Chuck Rittmeyer
Greeters	Brett & Stephanie Freimuth
Acolytes	Mikayla Gray, Riley Starkey

Church phone number	815-335-2051
Pastoral Cell	815-742-7503
Attendance	61
Offerings	\$2556.00

2018 per capita is \$36.34 **per member**, collected to date \$1713.87



*Flowers today are sponsored by:
Susan Gambrel in honor of Gene & Annie's Anniversary*

First Presbyterian Church
Winnebago, Illinois
March 18, 2018
10:30 a.m.

Announcements

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

Liturgical color purple is for the season of penitence & preparation

All groups meet at the church unless otherwise specified.

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Fred Bock

Introit "God Is Here" Glenn Wonacott

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship: from Psalm 62 Unison Reading
The Lord is worthy of all praise and I find rest in God and my salvation comes from him. The promises of the Lord stand firm and will never be shaken. I trust in him at all times and I will offer him glory and reverence in my daily living. This morning I enter into this worship service with joy in my heart so that I can offer sincere praises to my gracious Holy Creator. Amen, Amen.

*Hymn "The Church's One Foundation" (v.1) #442

*Hymn "Rock of Ages" (v.1) below

Rock of Age, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Sesquicentennial kick off potluck will follow immediately after today's worship service.

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

Ruth Circle will meet on Tuesday 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.

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.

SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

1868-2018
150 YEARS

The First Presbyterian Church of Winnebago, Illinois was organized on August 23, 1868 with twenty-four charter members. The first sanctuary was dedicated on March 21, 1869. The present sanctuary was erected in 1914, and the new church school annex was dedicated on April 25, 1954. In 1986 an upper room was added above the church school annex.

The Last Lenten Soup Supper & Service



Maundy Thursday, March 29

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

Looking ahead...

March 25 - Palm Sunday/Puppeteers

March 29 - Maundy Thursday Lenten Soup Supper & Service

April 1 - 7 a.m. SonRise Service / Men's breakfast

April 1 - Regular 10:30 a.m. Easter service

Prayer of Adoration and Confession: **Unison prayer**
Merciful Author and Finisher of our Faith, I thank you for the grace and mercy that you have offered through your holy son, Jesus. Please accept my humble request to be forgiven of my transgressions this past week. Grant me compassion so that my heart is made clean and pure in your sight. In your holy name I pray, Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness and Pardon: **Unison prayer**
Marvelous Creator, I thank you that your Son's great sacrifice is sufficient to cover my sins. In him I have miraculous forgiveness and redemption. I give sincere thanks for being forgiven and pardoned in Jesus name. Amen.

*Gloria Patri #579

Anthem "In This Very Room" Ron & Carol Harris

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

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" Fred Bock

*Doxology #592

*Prayer of Dedication

Unison prayer

Dear loving Savior, we thank you for the opportunity to worship you this morning. You have blessed us so richly. Please bless these gifts, offerings, and tithing so that we are able to spread the good news that you have given us. Allow our talents, skills, and time to be a blessing to others for the glory of your name. In your holy name we pray, Amen.

*Hymn "Tell Me The Old, Old Story" (v.1) below

Tell me the old, old story Of unseen things above
Of Jesus and His glory, Of Jesus and His love.
Tell me the story simply, As to a little child;
For I am weak and weary, And helpless and defiled.

Chorus:

Tell me the old, old story. Tell me the old, old story.
Tell me the old, old story Of Jesus and His love.

*Hymn "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" (v.1) #403

Passing of the Peace

RECEIVING THE WORD

Scripture: I Timothy 2:5 - 6 pg. 1207

Message: Lent:
"The Right Time for Heart Reconciliation"
Dr. Carroll Smith

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn "The Old Rugged Cross" (v1.)

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of sinners was slain.

Chorus:

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.

*Hymn "Old Time Religion" (v4.)

Chorus:

Give me that old time religion, Give me that old time religion,
Give me that old time religion, It's good enough for me.

Makes me love ev'rybody, Makes me love ev'rybody
Makes me love ev'rybody, It's good enough for me. (Chorus)

Benediction

Unison Reading

As we leave this worship service, let us endeavor to lift up our hearts and allow this Lenten season to place Christ first. Let it be said of us that we shared the glory of the Lord through the power of the Holy Spirit in our daily living. Amen.

Postlude "Surely Goodness and Mercy" Fred Bock

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