



First Presbyterian Church  
Winnebago, Illinois  
March 4, 2018  
10:30 a.m.

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## Announcements

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

All groups meet at the church unless otherwise specified.

Liturgical color purple is for the season of penitence & preparation

### PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude

Introit                      “God Is Here”                      Glenn Wonacott

Welcome/Announcements

Call To Worship: from Psalm 73;108;111                      **Unison Reading**  
**Let the people of God give praises to the Lord. Worship the Lord with purity of heart in the assembly of the people. The goodness of God is bestowed to those who praise and worship with a clean heart. My heart, O God, is steadfast; I will sing and make music with all my being. This morning I enter the Lord's house with praise so that the light of salvation may shine brightly and God will receive glory and honor. Amen.**

\*Hymn                      “Once Again”                      insert

Prayer of Adoration and Confession:                      **Unison Reading**  
**Amazing and loving God, I enter your presence with praise and rejoicing. I am grateful that you are always faithful and are willing to forgive through your love and mercy. Please forgive me so that I can offer you a song of praise with a clean heart. I ask this in Jesus precious name. Amen.**

**Fellowship** today is provided by the choir. Please join us after the worship service. Everyone is welcome!

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

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

**Session** will meet on Monday at 7 p.m.

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

**Community Lenten Service** will be at the Winnebago Evangelical Fellowship. Supper at 6 p.m. Service at 7 p.m.

**Rockford Rescue Mission** Our night to serve is the Friday starting at 6 p.m. If you are interested please call the office.

**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](mailto:bpsamsel@gmail.com), 815-335-2892 or 815-871-8969.

# 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 dates:**

March 7 - Community service at the Evangelical Church  
March 14  
Maundy Thursday, March 29

## **“Once Again”**

*V 1:*

Jesus Christ, I think upon Your sacrifice.  
You became nothing, poured out to death  
Many times, I’ve wondered at Your gift of life  
and I’m in that place once again.  
I’m in that place once again.

*Chorus:*

Once again I look upon the cross, where You died.  
I’m humbled by Your mercy, and I’m broken inside.  
Once again I thank You, once again I pour out my life.

*V 2:*

Now You are exalted to the highest place,  
King of the heavens where one day I’ll bow.  
But for now I marvel at this saving grace  
and I’m full of praise once again.  
I’m full of praise once again. **(chorus)**

*Bridge:*

Thank you for the cross, thank you for the cross  
Thank you for the cross, my friend. **(repeat)**

Apostles Creed

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Assurance of Forgiveness and Pardon:

**Unison Reading**

**Thank you Heavenly Creator that Christ came to provide forgiveness of sins. I give thanks to you for your holy promises that assure forgiveness and pardon through the sacrifice of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri

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Anthem "The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power" Jay Rouse

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and 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

\*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 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" #367

Passing of the Peace

**RECEIVING THE WORD**

Scripture: Proverbs 4:23; Luke 4:18 – 21 pg. 653; 1046

Message: "LENT: Opportunity for Heart Redecoration"  
Dr. Carroll Smith

**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: \_\_\_\_\_



## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

# SESQUICENTENNIAL POTLUCK DINNER

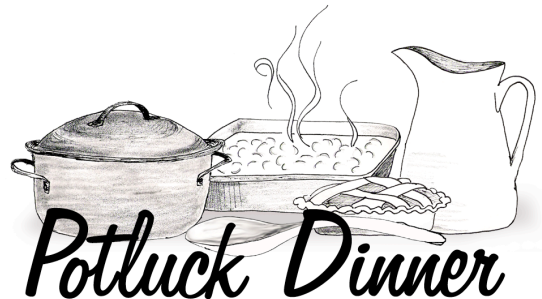
LET THE CELEBRATION BEGIN!

SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2018  
FOLLOWING CHURCH SERVICE

Meat dishes and beverages will be provided.

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

Please bring your own table service and a 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: March 16**

**Pastor:** Gracious Creator, we give you special thanks during this season of Lent for being able to approach the Lord's Table and share in Holy Communion. Please accept our gratefulness as we celebrate our spiritual freedom in Christ with the church universal. Marvelous and wonderful is your invitation to everyone who believes in Christ as Savior to approach and dine in remembrance of the sacrifice paid on the cross.

**People:** We have been set free from the bondage of sin and are invited to dine at the Lord's Table with all of your people. This Sunday morning we celebrate Holy Communion with our hearts filled with wondrous gratitude as we follow Christ's example and show the world that we proclaim Him as our Savior.

**Unison:** We partake of the bread and cup with hearts filled with gratefulness because Jesus loves us exceedingly and has made us worthy through the brokenness of His body and the shedding of His Blood. We ask that our commemoration of Holy Communion will give honor to Christ and His Church as we receive love, mercy, and grace at the Lord's Table.

Blessing of the Bread and Cup  
Receiving of the Holy Communion

Prayer after Communion Unison Prayer  
**Great Author and Finisher of our Faith, thank you for making us worthy to dine at the Lord's Table through your love, mercy, and grace. Christ's sacrifice has allowed us to share in Holy Communion with all of our brothers and sisters in your holy church. Please continue to bless us so that your Holy Spirit will keep us steadfast in our daily walk with you. In your holy name we pray, Amen.**

\*Hymn

“Give Me Jesus”

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Benediction

Unison Reading

**As I leave this service, I lift up my heart because I am assured that my Savior will provide the Holy Spirit to lead, support, and encourage me as I walk with Christ day by day. Amen.**

“Give Me Jesus”

Postlude

*Verse 1:*

In the morning when I rise,  
In the morning when I rise,  
In the morning when I rise,  
Give me Jesus. **(chorus)**

All music in our bulletin is protected under CCLI#1409680

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**Chorus:**

Give me Jesus,  
Give me Jesus,  
You may have all the rest,  
Give me Jesus.

SHARING THE WORD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

*Every member a minister...*

*Verse 2:*

Dark midnight was my cry,  
Dark midnight was my cry,  
Dark midnight was my cry,  
Give me Jesus. **(chorus)**

Accompanist / Choir Director	Michelle West
Vocal soloist	Marilyn Larsen
Projectionist	Renee Rittmeyer
Ushers	Jim Mitchell, Dave Nichols, Chuck Rittmeyer
Greeters	Dave & Julie Nichols
Acolytes	Madyson Goike, Taggart Freimuth

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*Verse 3:*

Just about the break of day,  
Just about the break of day,  
Just about the break of day,  
Give me Jesus. **(chorus)**

Church phone number	815-335-2051
Pastoral Cell	815-742-7503
Attendance	84
Offerings	\$1578.00

*Verse 4:*

Oh, when I come to die,  
Oh, when I come to die,  
Oh, when I come to die,  
Give me Jesus. **(chorus)**

2018 per capita is \$36.34 **per member**, collected to date \$1459.83