

First Presbyterian Church  
Winnebago, Illinois  
May 1, 2016  
10:30 a.m.

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Liturgical color white is for the redemptive work of Jesus Christ

**PREPARING FOR THE WORD**

Prelude "The Heart of Worship" Carol Tornquist

Introit "Still" Reuben Morgan

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship **Unison Reading**  
**Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits — who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. ... Praise the LORD, my soul." ... Therefore, on this wonderful day of worship, I give praise and thanks to my Savior Jesus Christ.**

\*Hymn "Indescribable" insert

Prayer of Adoration and Confession **Unison Reading**  
**Heavenly Creator, I love you and give you honor and gratitude for the blessings that you have given me. Thank you for allowing me to seek forgiveness of my transgressions. I know that I have done wrong this past week and I ask for leniency, mercy, and grace to cleanse me and make me holy in your sight. Help me "... to open [my] eyes ... so that [I] may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified ... in [Christ]."**

**Announcements**

Our Church Website: <http://www.thewfpc.org>  
(prayer request cards are now available on the table in the narthex)

**Please keep in prayer:**  
Paula Price. Dee Swigart.

All groups meet at the church unless otherwise specified.

**Fellowship** to is sponsored by the Worship committee, please stay and visit with the Confirmation class.

**Office hours for Pastor Carroll** are Monday from 2-6 p.m. and Tuesday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. 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.

**Summer music** It's time to start planning for summer special music. Musicians of all ages can sign-up on the summer music calendar on the bulletin board and/or call Michelle or the church office.

**2016 Per capita** is \$35.66 per member. \$2546.37 collected to date.

**Workcampers** are selling shares (\$10 ea.) for the mission trip to Elizabeth City, NC. These can be purchased from campers or Barb Whitney. Thank you for your support.

As you know our beloved "Skip" had been the first Sunday of the month usher for longer than most of us can remember. We are now in need of an usher for that Sunday. No one can ever replace Skip, but here is an opportunity for someone, man or woman, to honor him by following in his footsteps. See Chuck Rittmeyer.



Doing Spring cleaning? Finding items you don't need?  
The church rummage sale needs your donations.

Drop off your items at the church May 2-4 in the mornings  
or in the evenings after 5:30 p.m.

**No organs, piano's, T.V.'s or computer equipment accepted**

If you need small or large items picked up  
call Barb Whitney at 815-335-1048

**We need volunteers to work the sale**  
*contact Barb Whitney*

Rummage Sale hours will be:  
Thursday & Friday, May 5-6 from 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Saturday, May 7th from 8-11 a.m.

Thank you for supporting this year's work campers!

Assurance of Forgiveness  
Almighty God, who does freely pardon all who repent and  
turn to Him, please grant redeeming grace and forgive us of all  
our sins. Please cleansing us through the perfection of Christ  
Jesus our Lord. We are His children that are made clean  
through the sacrifice he made on Calvary. In faith, I accept  
His pardon. Amen.

Unison Reading

\*Gloria Patri #579

Anthem "Borning Cry" John Ylviskar

Sharing of Joys and Concerns  
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings

\*Doxology #592

\*Prayer of Dedication  
Unison Prayer  
**Wondrous Savior, you are worthy of all our praise. Thank you  
for the opportunity to give back to you. We offer our gifts with  
a heart of thanksgiving. Help us to give message of salvation  
to others through our time and talents. In Christ's name we  
pray, Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

### **RECEIVING THE WORD**

Scripture: Matthew 28:19 - 20; Acts 2:38 pg. 1017;1110

Message: "Heavenly Focused and Earthly Practical"  
Dr. Carroll Smith

Presentation of the Confirmands that are re-affirming the  
Baptismal Covenant

Presentation of the Confirmands that are being Baptized  
Logan McCray, Carson Stout, Jacob Bryden

Prayer Unison Prayer  
**Precious Savior, in obedience to your example and to Holy Scriptures, we have baptized Logan, Carson, and Jacob. Give them your guidance and love to live within the covenant that has been established in sacrament so that they may see your blessings in their lives. In your wondrous name we pray, Amen.**

\*Hymn "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" #404

Profession of Faith and Commissioning of the 2016 Confirmands

Apostles Creed pg. 14

Blessing and laying of hands / presentation of bibles

Congregational Welcome Unison Reading  
**With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.**

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

Receiving of the Holy Communion

**Elder Haeflinger:** Communion is an extraordinary occasion for Christians. We prepare ourselves to celebrate with the church universal. We give thanks to our Savior for His immeasurable love that caused Him to suffer that we might have redemption. The Lord's Table is both a remembrance and a celebration for all who confess Jesus as Lord and Savior. By acknowledging Him as Christ, we show the world that the truth has arrived and we follow His will. As Paul shares in I Corinthians 11:24: "...Do this to remember me." Today, we show the world that we celebrate the Lord.

## MOTHER'S DAY GERANIUMS AND FLOWERS

The monies from these sales will be used towards PW missions.  
**Please make checks payable to:** Presbyterian Women  
Turn orders into Stacy Weavel or Michelle Erb.



**Deadline for orders is TODAY!**



\_\_\_\_\_ Red 4 1/2" @ \$4.50

\_\_\_\_\_ Red 7" @ \$9.50

\_\_\_\_\_ White 4 1/2" @ \$4.50

\_\_\_\_\_ White 7" @ \$9.50

\_\_\_\_\_ Pink 4 1/2" @ \$4.50

\_\_\_\_\_ Pink 7" @ \$9.50

\_\_\_\_\_ Salmon 4 1/2" @ \$4.50

\_\_\_\_\_ Salmon 7" @ \$9.50

\_\_\_\_\_ Assorted 10" Combo hanging baskets @ \$16

\_\_\_\_\_ Total

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## **“Soon and Very Soon” Andrae Crouch**

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King!  
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King!  
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We are going to see the King!

No more crying there we are going to see the King!  
No more crying there we are going to see the King!  
No more crying there we are going to see the King!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We are going to see the King!

No more dying there we are going to see the King!  
No more dying there we are going to see the King!  
No more dying there we are going to see the King!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We are going to see the King!

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King!  
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King!  
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We are going to see the King!

**People:** We enter into this celebration with a humble heart. We enter knowing He has made us worthy through the brokenness of His body and the shedding of His Blood.

*Leader:* The scriptures provide the example to follow in remembering how much the Lord suffered for forgiveness of sins and salvation to mankind.

**People:** We eat this bread and drink this cup proclaiming the saving power of Christ. With joy and thanksgiving, we offer the Lord grateful praise.

*Leader:* Lord, we lift up our hearts to you.

**People:** We lift our hearts to Christ the Lord.

*Leader:* Jesus, we give thanks for your sacrifice.

**People:** We give thanks for the blessing of redemption.

*Leader:* Lord, help us to live a life that is pleasing to you.

**People:** Thank you Lord for lives that praise and please you.

The Bread and the Cup: Blessing and Praise

Communion served in the pews

Prayer after Communion

**Unison Prayer**

**Lord, thank you for renewing us through the power of your Holy Spirit in Holy Communion. We ask for your blessings today. Help us to share the good news of salvation with sincere commitment so that others may be renewed in their hearts, minds, and souls. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*Hymn                    “Soon and Very Soon”                    insert

Benediction

Postlude

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 / Offerings	84 / \$1528.00

SHARING THE WORD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

*Every member a minister...*

Accompanist / Choir Director	Michelle West
Projectionist	Kaitlyn Freimuth
Ushers	Chuck Rittmeyer, Dave Nichols
Greeters	Chuck & Avis Lind
Acolytes	Joe & Grace Erb

## Looking ahead...

May 8 - Last Day of Sunday school / Mother’s Day

*Bulletins today are sponsored by:  
Betsy Menge in memory of Bob & Rita Dill*

## “Indescribable” Laura Story/Jesse Reeves

*V. 1*

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea,  
 Creations’s revealing Your majesty.  
 From the colors of fall to the fragrance of Spring,  
 Ev’ry creature unique in the song that it sings all exclaiming,

### **Chorus:**

Indescribable, uncontainable  
 You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name  
 You are amazing, God  
 All powerful, untamable, awestruck, we fall to our knees  
 As we humbly proclaim,  
 You are amazing, God.

*V. 2*

Who has told ev’ry lightning bolt where it should go  
 Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow  
 Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light  
 Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night  
 None can fathom. **(Chorus)**

*Coda*

You are amazing God. **(repeat chorus)**

2016 Confirmation Class

Ryan Bailey  
Jacob Bryden  
Chandler Ellis  
Brody Falnes  
Kaleigh Freimuth  
Alyssa Gugliemetti  
Zachary Johnson  
Ryan Leitzinger  
Logan McCray  
Rachel Rittmeyer  
Carson Stout

*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the  
Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,  
and teaching them to obey  
everything I have commanded you.  
And surely I am with you always,  
to the very end of the age...*