

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

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**PREPARING FOR THE WORD**

Prelude "Shout to the Lord" Darlene Zschech

Introit "Sing To The Lord of The Harvest" Monsell

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 100 **Unison Reading**

**Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

\*Hymn "I Danced In The Morning" #302

Prayer of Confession: The Lord's Prayer

Assurance of Pardon: **Unison Prayer**  
**Loving Savior, I thank you for understanding my failings. I know that you understand because you gave yourself so that forgiveness and pardon can be mine. As I continue this journey of life, help me to truly understand the depth of your gracious love and mercy. In faith, I accept the Lord's mercy, forgiveness, pardon, and love. In Jesus name. Amen.**

**Announcements**

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

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

(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 will be Monday from 9- noon & Tuesday 2-6 p.m. His email is: [pastor1@thewfpc.org](mailto:pastor1@thewfpc.org)

**Daily Bread** winter edition devotionals are now available on the table in the hall.

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

**Ruth Circle** will meet on Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. The installation of officers will happen at this time.

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

**Christmas Cantata** "Believe" will be on Sunday, December 13th.

**Lend a hand** on November 22 after the service as we decorate the church and sanctuary for the holidays. Your help is appreciated.

**First TEAM** We are willing to be hired for raking leaves, etc. If you have any questions, call Stephanie Freimuth at 815-335-7744.

**Workcampers** are nowing selling Anna's Buck for \$10 each. Help support the mission trip to Elizabethtown, North Carolina.

**Christmas Cookie & Candy Walk and Mini-Bazaar** will be Saturday, December 5 from 9 a.m. to Noon. Each woman of the church is asked to donate three dozen homemade holiday cookies. Please have cookies/candy at the Church on Friday, Dec.4 from 2:30 – 6 p.m.

\*Gloria Patri #579

Anthem "Live A Life Of Praise" Pepper Choplin

Sharing of Joys and Concerns....**concluding with a Unison prayer Heavenly Creator, thank you that we can share joys and concerns. In faith we entrust these requests to you so that your love, mercy, healing, and grace can be manifested in all of our lives. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.**

Puppets "Giving Thanks"

\*Hymn "Give Thanks" insert

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings  
"Give Thanks" Henry Smith

\*Doxology #592

\*Prayer of Dedication **Unison Prayer Loving Creator, thank you for the opportunity to praise you in offerings and gifts this morning so that your good news can be shared with our community. Encourage us to witness to others of your blessings and your grace. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

**RECEIVING THE WORD**

Scripture: Colossians 3:16 pg. 1201

Message: "A Reason to Give Thanks" Dr. Carroll Smith

*Bulletins today are sponsored by:  
Bev Samsel in memory of family*



## POINSETTIA SALE

The Worship Committee is taking orders for poinsettias to add beauty to our sanctuary during the Christmas season. They will be on display December 13-20 and may be taken home after the worship service on December 20.

### Orders due by November 29

Return completed form and payment to April Haeflinger. If you have questions call April at 815-979-0492.

\_\_\_\_\_ Poinsettia(s) @ \$12.50

\_\_\_\_\_ Red \_\_\_\_\_ White \_\_\_\_\_ Pink

\_\_\_\_\_ Total - *Make checks payable to: First Presbyterian Church*

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory/Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

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## CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

The Presbyterian Women are taking orders for angel ornaments to adorn the Christmas tree that will be in the sanctuary.

### Orders are due today

Return completed form and payment to Ann Fuller.  
If you have any questions contact Ann at 815-335-7402.  
*Make checks payable to: **Presbyterian Women.***

\_\_\_\_\_ Ornaments @ \$5 each

\_\_\_\_\_ Color: Red, Green, Pink, Purple, Blue or Orange  
(colors are available on a first come, first serve basis)

\_\_\_\_\_ Total

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory/Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Remember or honor** loved ones by sponsoring flowers and / or bulletins. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board. Bulletins \$20. Flowers are \$15 (1) or \$30 (2) arrangement(s).

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**Election of officers** will take place on today at the MAP meeting. Ordination & Installation of officers will take place on the November 22 worship service.

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### **MAP meetings and MAP Completion Deadline**

Please participate in the MAP discussions after service this morning.

The next MAP meeting will be after service on December 6.

In the new year, MAP discussions will be a part of the Sunday worship service in the Sanctuary.

MAP Completion Date: Mid-March is the goal that we have to complete the group discussions so that the MAP Team can complete the final report to the Session, the church, and the Presbytery.

## **Looking ahead...**

November 22 - Pastor Claire

November 29 - Pastor Claire, first Sunday in Advent