



*Join us for our Christmas Cantata
December 10 at the 10:30 a.m. service*

First Presbyterian Church
Winnebago, Illinois
November 19, 2017
10:30 a.m.

Liturgical color is green for Ordinary Time

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude

Introit "Bless The Lord"

Welcome/Announcements Marian Pedrick

Call to Worship **Unison Reading**
Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth! Worship the Lord with gladness. Come before Him, singing with joy. Acknowledge that the Lord is God! He made us, and we are His. We are His people, the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with Thanksgiving; Go into His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him and praise His name. For the Lord is good. His unfailing love continues forever, And His faithfulness continues to each generation. Therefore, I give praise to Jesus on this Thanksgiving Sunday so that he receives glory and honor. Amen, Amen.

*Hymn "Now Thank We All Our God" #555

Call to Confession: **Unison Reading**
Merciful Savior, with thanksgiving I enter your presence and I ask that you grant me your compassion. Please forgive my transgressions so that I can be holy in your presence. Help me to share your love and mercy in my daily walk with you. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.

Announcements

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

All groups meet at the church unless otherwise specified.

Pastor Carroll is in the office on Tuesday morning. His email is: pastor1@thewfpc.org

Decorating the church Please stay and help decorate the church November 26. We will start right after the worship service.

Winter Devotionals are available on the table in the hallway.

Chancel Choir will not meet this week.

The church offices will be closed on Thursday.

Annual Cookie Walk & Mini Bazaar will be Saturday, December 2nd. Each woman of the church is asked to provide a minimum of 3 dozen homemade holiday cookies. Please have cookies and homemade candy at the church on Friday, December 1st between 2:30-6:00 p.m. If you have questions contact: Avis Lind, Faye Reed, Bev Barker or Marian Pedrick.

The Session of First Presbyterian Church has called for a Special Congregational Meeting TODAY, immediately following the worship service. The purpose of this meeting is for the election of officers.

Looking ahead...

November 26 - Puppets, Decorate the church

God Is So Good 658

1 God is so good; God is so good;
 2 God cares for me; God cares for me;
 3 God loves me so; God loves me so;
 4 God is so good; God is so good;

God is so good; God's so good to me.
 God cares for me; God's so good to me.
 God loves me so; God's so good to me.
 God is so good; God's so good to me.

The exact origins of this chorus celebrating God's providential care are not clear, but it seems to have arisen during the 1970s. Because the text changes so little, the slowly rising four-note pattern of the tune provides the primary source of energy within its five-note range.

Our Mission Statement

To be a community of believers that love and follow God, love and support others, and offer Jesus Christ to the world.

Our vision statement is posted in the lower hallway.

Assurance of Pardon: Unison Reading
Loving Savior, I have sincerely asked for forgiveness and I stand on your promises that I am forgiven. I offer sincere thankfulness for my pardon from sin. In Jesus name, Amen.

*Gloria Patri #579

Anthem "Fill This Temple" Jay Rouse

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Unison Prayer concluding with The Lord's Prayer
Gracious Savior, we appreciate this time of prayer that we can share our joys and concerns. You have heard our joys on this Thanksgiving Sunday and we give thanks for those blessings. We have expressed our concerns and your holy word promises that our petitions are welcome and that your Holy Spirit will bring us love and healing. Your faithfulness is why we continuously pray as you taught your disciples to pray...

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings

*Doxology #592

*Prayer of Dedication Unison prayer
Generous and Loving Creator, it is a blessing to have the opportunity to worship you. Bless our gifts so that the good news of Christ's love will be broadcast in our community so that others can know you as Savior. In your name we pray, Amen.

*Hymn "How Great Is Our God" insert

Passing of the Peace

**“How Great Is Our God”
Chris Tomlin**

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



*Flowers are sponsored by:
Chuck & Avis Lind in memory of Mary Kissack*

RECEIVING THE WORD

Scripture: Colossians 3:15 pg. 1201
Speaker: “Prayerful, Peaceful, Watchful, and Thankful”
Dr. Carroll Smith

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn “God Is So Good” insert

Benediction

Postlude

All music in our bulletin is protected under CCLI#1409680

Church phone number 815-335-2051
Pastoral Cell 815-742-7503
Attendance 85
Offerings \$3083.00

SHARING THE WORD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Every member a minister...

Accompanist / Choir Director Michelle West
Soloists April Haeflinger, Marilyn Larson
Narrator Greg Keilback
Projectionist Kaleigh Freimuth
Ushers Jim & Rita Mitchell, Chuck Rittmeyer
Greeters Roger Christin, Norm Dean
Acolytes Thea & Tianna Mitchell

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 10- 24 and may be taken home after the worship service on December 24 .

Orders due by December 3

Return completed form and payment to Susan Gambrel.
If you have questions call Susan at 815-262-2646.

_____ Poinsettia(s) @ \$17 each

_____ Red _____ White _____ Pink



_____ Total - ***Make checks payable to: First Presbyterian Church***

Given by: _____

In Memory/Honor of: _____

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

The Presbyterian Women are taking orders for angel ornaments to adorn the Christmas tree in the overflow room.

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

_____ Total



Given by: _____

In Memory/Honor of: _____

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