

First Presbyterian Church
Winnebago, Illinois
November 22, 2015
10:30 a.m.

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” M. McDonald

Welcome/Announcements

*Hymn “Let All Things Now Living” #554

Prayer of Adoration and Confession **Unison prayer**

Our God and Heavenly Father,

We come before you to praise you and to adore you. How awesome is your power that you control the universe , yet you keep the most helpless among us safe and protected. How deep is your love and how boundless your mercy that no matter how terrible our mistakes, we can pray to you for forgiveness and find you in our salvation.

We confess we are sometimes lazy and neglect what we should care for. We confess that we are often weak, greedy and forget you and wander in darkness. Forgive us Father for our sins and shortcomings. May your peace and loving presence occupy our hearts right now, throughout this day you have made and always. In Jesus name we pray.

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri #579

Passing of the Peace

Announcements

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

Our Prayer request email: 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.

Lend a hand today after the service to decorate the church and sanctuary for the holidays.

Office hours The church office will be closed Wednesday- Friday.

Pastor Claire while Pastor Carroll is out of town, Pastor Claire is available via the church pastoral cell phone.

Daily Bread winter edition devotionals are now available.

Chancel Choir will not meet this week.

Christmas Cantata “Believe” will be on Sunday, December 13th.

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 now selling Anna’s Buck for \$10 each. Help support the mission trip to Elizabethtown, North Carolina.

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

Exit please note, the exit on the lower level by the Sunday school classrooms is not a regular exit. Please use the main entrance.

***First Presbyterian's Annual
Christmas Cookie & Candy Walk
& Mini-Bazaar***

*Saturday, December 5th
9:00 a.m. to Noon*

*Your choice of delicious homemade
Christmas cookies and candy*

Gifts from our mini-bazaar

*Cookies - \$5.00 per lb.
Candy - \$4.00 per ½ lb.*

*Sponsored by
The Presbyterian Women*

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Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn "We Gather Together" #559

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings

"Thanks To God"

Lani Smith

*Doxology

#592

*Prayer of Dedication

RECEIVING THE WORD

Scripture: Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23 pg. 706; 982

Message: "A Sign"

Pastor Claire Brennecka

Ordination and Installation of 2015 officers

Session- Judie Coots, Dave Nichols, Marian Pedrick,
Kaitlyn Freimuth (youth)

Deacons- Karen Meyer (2), Julie Nichols, Elizabeth Parrish

Trustees- Ted Busch, Chuck Rittmeyer

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

Benediction

Postlude "For The Beauty of The Earth" James Mansfield

All music in our bulletin is protected under CCLI#1409680

Church phone number 815-335-2051
 Pastoral Cell 815-742-7503
 Attendance 97
 Offerings \$2181.00

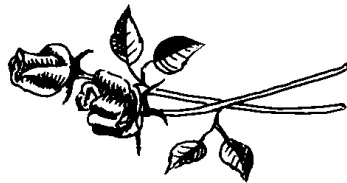
SHARING THE WORD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Every member a minister...

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| Accompanist | Karen Neimeier |
| Projectionist | Kaitlyn Freimuth |
| Ushers | Chuck & Greg Rittmeyer |
| Greeters | Mary Lee, Janet Klinger |
| Acolytes | Michael Cunningham, Jason Luna |

Looking ahead...

November 29 - Pastor Claire, first Sunday in Advent
 December 5 - Cookie Walk
 December 6 - Pastor Claire, Choir



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

*Bulletins today are sponsored by:
 Betsy Menge in memory of Clifford & Ethel Rood*

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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