

# Adopt-A-Child

The church is helping our school district kids.

Adopt-A-Child!

Take a “coupon”  
purchase the item listed,  
then wrap and return it by December 10.

Thank you for helping a local child in need.

*Matthew 25:40*

*“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you,  
whatever you did  
for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine,  
you did for me.’*

First Presbyterian Church  
Winnebago, Illinois  
November 26, 2017  
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 is green for Ordinary Time

### PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" M. McDonald

Welcome/Announcements Dave Nichols

Call to Worship Unison Reading  
**Thank you Lord that the heavens proclaim your glory and the skies display your craftsmanship. Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make known your wondrous power. Although they speak without a sound or word and their voice is never heard, their message is proclaimed throughout creation. Gracious Lord, your Holy Word is perfect, reviving the soul. Your decrees are trustworthy, making wise the simple. Your commandments are clear and joyous to the heart, giving insight for living. Praise the Lord, Amen.**

\*Hymn "Let All Things Now Living" #554

Call to Confession: Unison Reading  
**Heavenly Creator, we reverence you with our praise and thanksgiving. We know that you are holy and that your commandments are true and just. May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer. Cleanse me from my faults and failures and keep your servant from sin. Then I will be free of guilt and innocent of transgressions and debts. In Jesus name I pray, Amen.**

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

**Winter Devotionals** are available on the table in the hallway.

**Chicks with Sticks** will not meet this week.

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

**Workcampers** are selling \$10 Anna's Bucks again this year. Please see Jacob Smith, Logan Gray, or Barb Whitney. They make great stocking stuffers! Thanks to Brian Weavel for his continued support of our mission trip. Is God calling you to serve? We have one definite workcamp spot available for a camper. There are limited additional spots that could be secured as well. Please contact Barb Whitney 815-335-1048.

**Goods Drive:** The Jr. High Sunday school class is sponsoring a holiday canned goods and paper products (toilet paper, Kleenex) drive to support the Rockford Rescue Mission. Please drop off items in the boxes/baskets provided by December 17<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for supporting our youth in their desire to help others.

Join us for our  
Annual Christmas Cookie / Candy  
Walk & Mini-Bazaar

Saturday, December 2 from 9 a.m. to Noon

Your choice of delicious

homemade Christmas cookies and candy.

Gifts from our mini-bazaar are also available.

Cookies - \$ 5 per lb.

Candy - \$4 per 1/2 lb.

Sponsored by The Presbyterian Women

Each woman of the church is asked to provide a minimum 3 dozen  
homemade holiday cookies.

Please have cookies and candy at the church on:  
Friday, December 1 between 2:30-6 p.m.

If you have questions contact: Avis Lind, Faye Reed,  
Marian Pedrick, or Bev Barker.

Join us for a cup of coffee and fellowship!

Assurance of Pardon:

Unison Reading

**Merciful Savior, your servant has sincerely approached you with praise, adoration, and thanksgiving. I have obeyed your instructions and confessed my wrongdoings with a contrite heart and humble spirit. Therefore, your promises of grace, love, and mercy assure me that I am forgiven and pardoned from my sins. In Jesus name, Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri

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Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Unison Prayer concluding with the Lord's Prayer

**Gracious Savior, we appreciate this time that we can share our joys and concerns. You have heard our joys for which we have given thanks and you have accepted our concerns because your word promises that our petitions are welcome. In faith we know that you are the answer 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...**

Puppet Show

"Holiday Giving"

by Grace Erb & Charlotte Maher

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings

"With Grateful Hearts"

J.S Bach

\*Doxology

#592

\*Prayer of Dedication

Unison prayer

**Generous and gracious Lord, we appreciate the opportunity to worship you in the act of giving gifts and tithes this morning. Grant us wisdom to be prudent stewards of your blessings so that your truth can be heard in our community. Assist us as we offer our talents and skills to others so that we can faithfully fulfill your great mission. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

\*Hymn

"We Gather Together"

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## RECEIVING THE WORD

Scripture: Psalm 19:1, 7-8, & 14 **Unison Reading**  
**The heavens declare the glory of God; ...The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul. ...The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. ... May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.**

Message: Advent Gives Hope to a Weary Heart  
Dr. Carroll Smith

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*Hymn "May The Lord, Mighty God" insert

### **"May the Lord Mighty God"**

May the Lord Mighty God  
Bless and keep you forever.  
Give you peace, perfect peace;  
Strength in every endeavor.  
Lift up your eyes and behold his grace  
And His strength forever.  
May the Lord Mighty God  
Bless and keep you forever.

Benediction **Unison prayer**  
**This morning we have lifted up our voices and hearts to give praise and thanksgiving to our wondrous Savior because He has given us His love and grace. May our loving Lord enable us to be in one mind and one voice as we share Jesus with others through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen, Amen.**

Postlude "Now Thank We All Our God" Thomas Chesterton  
All music in our bulletin is protected under CCLI#1409680

## SHARING THE WORD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

*Every member a minister...*

Accompanist	Karen Niemeier
Projectionist	Rachel Rittmeyer
Puppeteers	The Jr. High Sunday school class
Ushers	Jim & Rita Mitchell, Chuck Rittmeyer
Greeters	Fritz & Gwen Vietmeier
Acolyte	Taggart Freimuth

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Church phone number	815-335-2051
Pastoral Cell	815-742-7503
Attendance	96
Offerings	\$1718.01

## **Looking ahead...**

December 3 - Choir performs  
December 10 - Cantata performance, fellowship  
December 17 - Children's Christmas program  
December 24 - 10: 30 a.m. Regular worship service  
December 24 - 10: 30 p.m. Candle light worship service

### *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.

## 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

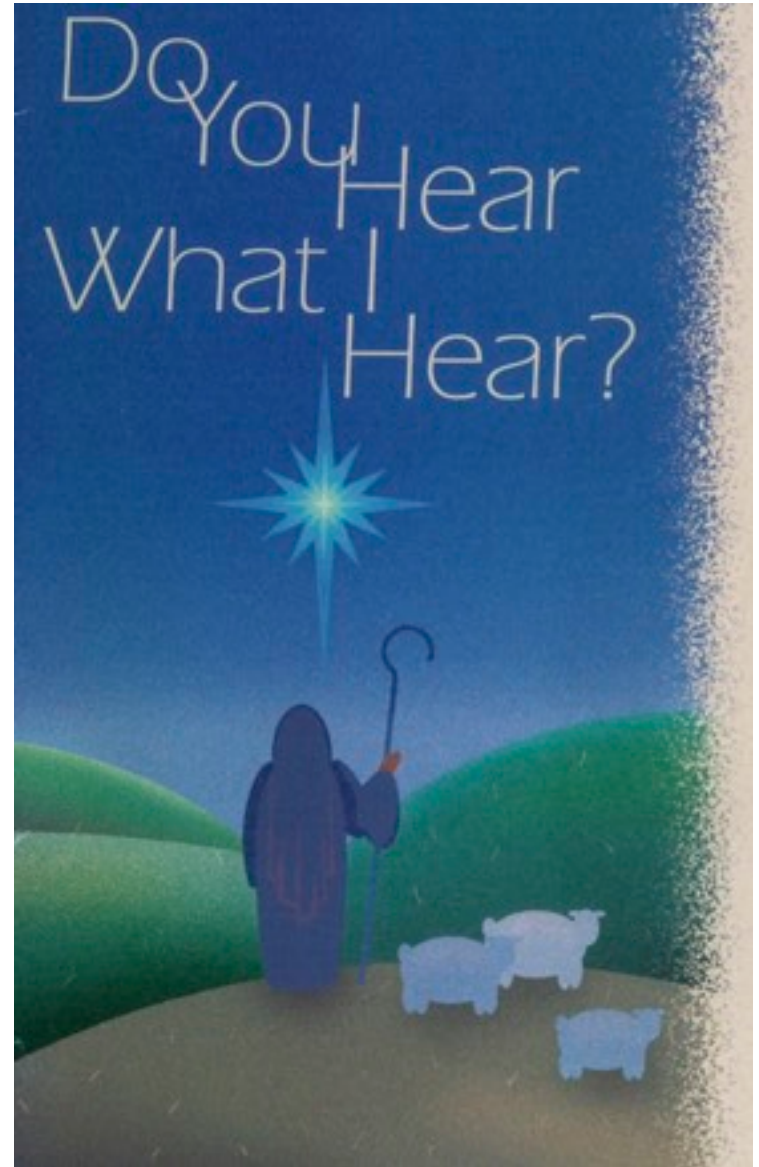
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\_\_\_\_\_ Total - *Make checks payable to: **First Presbyterian Church***

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



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