

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.



*Flowers today are sponsored by:
Sheree Sensel in memory of Loved Ones*

*Bulletins today are sponsored by:
Betsy Menge in memory of Todd & Kay Rood*

First Presbyterian Church
Winnebago, Illinois
November 5, 2017
10:30 a.m.

Liturgical color is green for Ordinary Time

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude

Introit "Bless The Lord"

Welcome/Announcements Janet Erb

Call To Worship: from Psalm 105 **Unison Reading**
Wondrous Creator, I enter your house this morning and declare that you are my shepherd. I give praise to you and proclaim your holy name. I will sing to your glory and will tell of all your magnificent miracles in my life. My heart rejoices as I remember the blessings you have given me. I freely declare that my heart desires to learn more about your holy son, Jesus Christ, as I offer sincere praise and worship today. Amen.

*Hymn "This Is My Father's World" #293

Call to Confession: from Psalm 106 **Unison Reading**
I give thanks to the Lord this morning because he has shown love, mercy, and grace when I did not deserve kindness. I know that I have sinned and I ask for the Lord's tenderness, mercy, and forgiveness. Please make my heart clean so that my soul is refreshed with your great joy. Then, I will be blameless in God's sight and I will be able to praise Jesus with a clean and pure heart. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.

Announcements

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

All groups meet at the church unless otherwise specified.

Fellowship today is hosted by the Trustees and will immediately follow the worship service. Please stay and join us.

Youth Group will meet this afternoon from 4-6 p.m. for a some fun, a project and popcorn! Join us and bring a friend!!!!

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

Session will meet on Monday at 7 p.m.

Newsletter deadline Items for the December newsletter are due no later than Wednesday.

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

Rockford Rescue Mission Our night to serve is this Friday at 6 p.m. If you are interested please contact the office.

The Session of First Presbyterian Church has called for a Special Congregational Meeting, Sunday, November 19, immediately following the worship service. The purpose of this meeting is for the election of officers.

Prayer after Communion: **Unison Prayer**
Gracious Lord, thank you for making us worthy to dine at the Lord's Table through your love, mercy, and grace. Your holy sacrifice has allowed us to share in Holy Communion with all of God's children. Please continue to bless us so that we are steadfast in our daily walk with you. In your holy name we pray, Amen.

*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: from Jude 1 **Unison Reading**
During this Holy Communion Sunday, we have given praise to Jesus for his wondrous love. We are grateful that he is able to present us blameless before the presence of God's glory with great joy. Now let us go forth and declare Christ's love and mercy so that others may have the opportunity to receive the blessings that the Lord desires to give them. Let us be in one mind and one voice as we share Jesus to others through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen, Amen.

Postlude

All music in our bulletin is protected under CCLI#1409680

Assurance of Pardon: from Psalm 138; I Peter 5 **Unison Reading**
God's holy word reminds us that Christ is truly mindful of people that are lowly of spirit and treats them with kindness and mercy. Christ's grace is for those that humble themselves and confess their sins. I have sincerely asked for forgiveness and by faith in the Holy Scriptures I am forgiven and pardoned through the sacrifice of Christ my Savior. In Jesus name, Amen.

*Gloria Patri #579

Apostles Creed pg. 14

Anthem "This Is The Day of Rejoicing" Joseph M. Martin

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Unison Prayer and 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...

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings

*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

“Sanctuary”

insert

Sanctuary 185

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc-tu - ar - y, pure and
ho - ly, tried and true; with thanks-giv - ing, I'll be a
liv - ing sanc-tu - ar - y for You.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 46. The lyrics are: "Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc-tu - ar - y, pure and ho - ly, tried and true; with thanks-giv - ing, I'll be a liv - ing sanc-tu - ar - y for You."

Passing of the Peace

RECEIVING THE WORD

Scripture:

Matthew 5:1 -12

pg. 984

Message:

“Blessed are the Merciful, Pure in Heart, and Peacemakers”

Dr. Carroll Smith

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Pastor: Gracious God, there is joy in our hearts because we are able to approach the Lord's Table and share in Holy Communion. Please accept our gratefulness as we celebrate our spiritual freedom and liberty in Christ with the church universal. How marvelous and wonderful is your invitation to everyone who believes in Christ as Savior.

People: We have been set free from the bondage of sin and are invited to dine at the Lord's Table with all of your people. This morning we celebrate Holy Communion with our hearts filled with great delight as we follow Christ's example and show the world that we proclaim Jesus as our redeemer.

Unison: We partake of the bread and cup with hearts filled with gratitude because Jesus loves us exceedingly and has made us worthy through the brokenness of His body and the shedding of His Blood. We ask that our celebration of Holy Communion at the Lord's Table will give glory and honor to Christ and His Church as we demonstrate His wondrous love, mercy, and grace.

Blessing of the Bread and Cup

Receiving of the Holy Communion

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

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

Orders are due by November 19

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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SHARING THE WORD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Every member a minister...

Accompanist / Choir Director	Michelle West
Projectionist	Rachel Rittmeyer
Ushers	Jim Mitchell, Dave Nichols, Chuck Rittmeyer
Greeters	Adam & Michelle Cunningham
Acolyte	Joe Erb

Church phone number	815-335-2051
Pastoral Cell	815-742-7503
Attendance	110
Offerings	\$1745.69

Looking ahead...

November 12 - Thank Offering Sunday, children's choir
 November 19 - Choir sings, Congregational meeting
 November 23 - Happy Thanksgiving
 November 26 - Puppets, Decorate the church

