

**First Presbyterian Church
Winnebago, Illinois
November 6, 2016 Thank Offering Sunday
10:30 a.m.**

Liturgical color is green for Ordinary Time

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude

Introit "Lord Take My Life"

Welcome/Announcements Jill Sunday

PW Purpose and Meditation (see handout)

Call To Worship **Unison Reading**
Gracious and loving God, we are called to serve you as we serve others. Where we see loneliness, we are called to bring community. Where there is anger and mistrust, we are called to work for reconciliation. Where there is suffering and despair, we are called to meet it with compassion, hope and understanding. Together with our churchwide sisters, we share our gifts today, offering our thanks and gratitude for all that you have done for us, for the ways that you protect and sustain us, for your steadfast love and care. We ask your blessing this day for all that these gifts can do in service to you. Amen.

Call to Confession

Assurance of Pardon Judy Mitchell

*Hymn "Called As Partners in Christ's Service" (v. 1&2) #343

Announcements

Our Church Website: <http://www.thewfpc.org> (prayer request cards are in the narthex)

Please keep in prayer:

Dee Swigart.

All groups meet at the church unless otherwise specified.



today is sponsored by the Choir in honor of Richard Meyer's 80th birthday. Please join us after the worship service and wish Richard a Happy Birthday!

Pastor Carroll will in the office Monday afternoon & Thursday morning. His email is: pastor1@thewfpc.org

Session will meet on Monday at 7 p.m.

Chicks with Sticks will meet on Tuesday at Ann Fuller's home starting at 7 p.m.

Newsletter deadline Items must be submitted no later than Wednesday.

Choir will meet on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Rockford Rescue Mission our night to serve is this Friday at 6 p.m.

"We're Glad You Came" Anyone who would like to sing in the Cantata is welcome to join the choir! The Cantata will be performed on December 11th at the 10:30 a.m. service, and 12:30 p.m. at Prairie View. For more info see Michelle or a choir member.

Anna's Bucks are now available, they are \$10 each, see Barb Whitney.

The Session of First Presbyterian Church has called for a Special Congregational Meeting, Sunday, November 20, immediately following the worship service. The purpose of this meeting is for the election of officers.

Church phone number 815-335-2051
 Pastoral Cell 815-742-7503
 Attendance 76
 Offerings \$1452.25

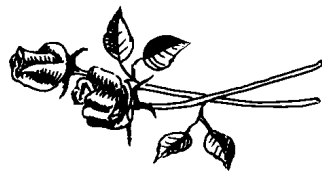
SHARING THE WORD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Every member a minister...

Accompanist / Choir Director Michelle West
 Projectionist Rachel Rittmeyer
 Ushers Bev Barker, Jodell Brown, Jim Mitchell, Dave Nichols, Chuck Rittmeyer
 Greeters Sue Kaufman, Dixie Lancaster
 Acolytes Marian Pedrick, Faye Reed

Looking ahead...

November 13 - Children's Choir
 November 20 - Choir / **Decorate the church**
 November 24 - Happy Thanksgiving
 November 27 - Puppeteers



*Bulletins today are sponsored by:
 Mike & Sue Luna in honor of their 25th Anniversary*

*Bulletins today are sponsored by:
 The Presbyterian Women in honor of Thank Offering Sunday*

Apostles Creed pg. 14 - Mary Lee

Litany: (Psalm 36:5 – 9)

Responsive Reading - Mary Lee

Leader: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

People: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep;

Leader: you save humans and animals alike, O Lord. How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

People: All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house,

Leader: and you give them drink from the river of your delights. For with you is the fountain of life;

Unison: in your light we see light.

*Gloria Patri #579

Anthem “At The Cross”

PW Honoraries Julie Nichols

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayer, concluding with The Lord's Prayer Sheree Sensel

*Hymn “Thy Mercy and Thy Truth, O Lord” (v. 1&2) #186

Dedication of Church World Service Kits Judie Coots

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings

*Doxology #592

*Prayer of Dedication Sheree Sensel

*Hymn "Give Thanks" insert

Passing of the Peace

RECEIVING THE WORD

Introduction of speaker Bev Samsel

Presentation: Rockford Rescue Mission

Sherry Pitney

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Leader: This morning we approach the Lord’s Table with praise and thankfulness because we can celebrate Holy Communion with the church universal. We express sincere gratitude to our Savior for His great love so that we have pardon from sin. This morning we celebrate Holy Communion with hearts filled with joy and praise. We follow our Lord’s example and we show the world that we declare Jesus as Savior.

People: We enter into this celebration with hearts filled with appreciation because Christ has made us worthy through the brokenness of His body and the shedding of His Blood.

Leader: We remember the great sacrifice that Jesus made so that we are given grace, mercy, forgiveness, and salvation.

People: We eat this bread and drink this cup with love and thankfulness in our hearts. We proclaim Christ’s saving power with deep gratitude and admiration.

***Unison:* We lift up our hearts to Christ our Lord and offer thanks for His sacrifice so that we have the blessing of salvation. We ask that our celebration at the Lord’s Table will help us to give glory to Christ’s name.**

The Bread and the Cup: Blessing and Praise
Receiving of the Holy Communion

Unison Prayer after Communion

Heavenly Creator, thank you for making us worthy to celebrate Holy Communion. You have renewed us through your Holy Spirit and we lift our hearts and voices with thanksgiving so that we can share the good news of salvation to our community. Please keep us steadfast in your holy pathway in our daily walk with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn "May The Lord, Mighty God" insert

Benediction

Postlude

All music in our bulletin is protected under CCLI#1409680

“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.

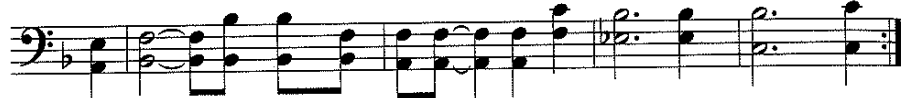
547 Give Thanks



Give thanks with a grate-ful heart; give thanks to the Ho-ly One;



give thanks be-cause we're giv-en Je-sus Christ, the Son. Give



Son. And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the



poor say, "We are rich be-cause of what the Lord has done for



us!" And us!" Give thanks. Give thanks.



Drawing on language from 2 Corinthians 6:10 and 12:10 as well as Psalm 126:3, this short and repetitive song

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 13

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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