

First Presbyterian Church
Winnebago, Illinois
October 2, 2016
10:30 a.m.

Liturgical color is green for Ordinary Time

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude

Introit "People Need The Lord"

Welcome/Announcements

Call To Worship **Unison Reading**
My heart, O God, is steadfast, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and make music. ... I will awaken the dawn. I will praise you, Lord, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples. For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth. This morning I offer sincere praise to my Savior. Glory to the name of the LORD. Amen.

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

Apostles Creed pg. 14

Call to Confession: **Unison Reading**
Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion ... Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. ... [Then] I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; ... Create in me a pure heart, ... and renew a steadfast spirit within me. ... Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.

Announcements

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

Please keep in prayer:

Dee Swigart.

All groups meet at the church unless otherwise specified.

Fellowship today is sponsored by the Adult Sunday school class, please join us after the worship service.

Pastor Carroll will be out of the office this week. His email is: pastor1@thewfpc.org

PW Cleaning days We will be cleaning the church kitchen starting tomorrow at 9 a.m. Please bring a sack lunch. Even though it is work we have a great time and fellowship. Remember, many hands make light work.

Session will meet on Monday at 7 p.m.

Choir will meet on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

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

Fall Bazaar We need donations for the Fall Bazaar that runs in combination with our Turkey Dinner. For more info see Jill Sunday.

Church World Service's Kits Program Thanks to everyone who helped complete our goal of 51 school kits. We still need to complete our goal of 35 Hygiene Kits. We have completed 14 kits, so far. *Coupons are on the bulletin board for items still needed.*

*Hymn "Spirit of the Living God" #322

Benediction **Unison Reading**
This morning we have offered worship, praise, and thanksgiving to our wondrous Savior and now we go to the harvest field to complete the mission of Christ in our community. May the LORD bless us and keep us, and may the LORD'S favor shine upon us and be gracious to us. May the LORD turn his face toward us and grant us great peace. Amen.

Postlude
All music in our bulletin is protected under CCLI#1409680

Church phone number / Pastoral Cell 815-335-2051 / 815-742-7503
Attendance / Offerings 99 / \$1810.00

SHARING THE WORD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Every member a minister...

Accompanist / Choir Director Michelle West
Projectionist Kaleigh Freimuth
Ushers Jim Mitchell, Dave Nichols, Chuck Rittmeyer
Greeters Jill Sunday, Norma Warkentien
Acolytes Grace & Joe Erb

Looking ahead...

October 9 & 16 - Pastor Claire, Children's choir/Chancel Choir



*Flowers and bulletins today are sponsored by:
Chuck & Avis Lind in honor of their Anniversary*

Assurance of Pardon: **Unison Reading**
Loving Savior, I have confessed that I need my heart made clean and I have asked for your mercy and forgiveness. By faith in your Holy Word I accept my forgiveness and pardon from sin through your loving grace. In your holy name I pray. Amen.

*Gloria Patri #579

Anthem "God Is In This Room"

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer concluding with The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn "Here in this Place" insert

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.

Passing of the Peace

RECEIVING THE WORD

Scripture: Philippians 3:14 -17 pg. 1197

Message: "Steadfast Communion helps Fulfill God's Mission"
Dr. Carroll Smith

Here in This Place

Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

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

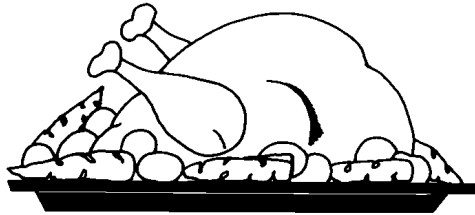
Unison Prayer after Communion

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.

**ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER
AND
FALL BAZAAR**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

(please note the date change)



SEATINGS AT 5-6-7 P.M.

Dinner includes: Turkey, dressing, potatoes, gravy, veggie,
coleslaw, cranberry relish, roll,
pie & beverage

TICKET PRICES:

Adults (11+) \$9

Children (5-10) \$4.50

Children 4 and under are free

Carryouts available too!

For tickets call:

Shirley Burkhart 815-335-2276

Sue Jansen 815-335-2081

Betsy Menge 815-964-2683 Church office 815-335-2051

Join Us for Dinner; stay to shop...

Craft Bazaar and Bake Sale starts at 3 p.m.