

Looking ahead...

October 29 - Kluck Baptism

November 5 - Day Light Savings, Fall behind, choir sings

November 12 - Thank Offering Sunday



Flowers today are sponsored by:

Jan Merchant in memory of her husband Ted

Bulletins today are sponsored by:

Betsy Menge in memory of Clifford & Louise Menge Jackson

First Presbyterian Church
Winnebago, Illinois
October 22, 2017
10:30 a.m.

Liturgical color is green for Ordinary Time

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Bill Newkirk

Call to Worship: (from Psalm 107)

Unison Reading

This morning I enter the house of the Lord and declare that the Lord is my shepherd. I offer the Lord praise because I have God's wonderful blessings in my life. As the psalmist says, "Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the LORD tell their story—those he redeemed from sin...from east and west, from north and south. ...Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things. ... Let the one who is wise heed these things and ponder the loving deeds of the LORD." Truly, my heart desires to learn of Christ as I offer sincere praise and worship today. Amen.

*Hymn "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" #281

Call to Confession: (from Psalm 19)

Unison Reading

The heavens declare the glory of God and the skies proclaim the work of his hands. The law of the LORD is perfect and I ask for forgiveness and restoration. Please make my heart clean so that my soul is refreshed with your great joy. Then, I will be blameless in your sight and I will be pleasing in your sight. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.

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Pastoral Cell 815-742-7503
Attendance 91
Offerings \$2148.00
Per Capita for 2017 is \$36.11, collected to date \$2512.62

Announcements

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

All groups meet at the church unless otherwise specified.

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

Chicks with Sticks will meet on Tuesday at Ann Fuller's home starting at 7 p.m. If you like to knit or crochet please join us.

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

The church secretary is out of the office on Friday.

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.

RECEIVING THE WORD

Scripture: Matthew 5:1 -12 pg. 984

Message: “Blessed are Poor in Spirit and Those Who Mourn”
Dr. Carroll Smith

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn “Spirit of the Living God” #322

Benediction: (from Romans 15:5) **Unison Reading**
This morning we have offered praise and thanksgiving to our glorious Savior. May our loving Lord grant us endurance and encouragement so that we can 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

SHARING THE WORD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Every member a minister...

Accompanist Michelle West
Puppeteers The Junior High Sunday school class
Projectionist Kaleigh Freimuth
Ushers Greg & Chuck Rittmeyer
Greeters Tom & Cindy Erb
Acolytes Mikayla & Isabelle Gray

Assurance of Pardon: (from Psalm 19) **Unison Reading**
Gracious Savior, I have admitted that I need my heart made clean. Thank you for hearing my cry for mercy. Now, my heart leaps for joy and I am able to accept my forgiveness and pardon from sin through your loving grace. In your holy name I pray. Amen.

*Gloria Patri #579

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 “Squeal of Fortune”

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 “Open My Eyes That I May See” #324

Passing of the Peace