

First Presbyterian Church
Winnebago, Illinois
October 25, 2015
10:30 a.m.

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 111

Unison Reading

Praise the Lord. I will extol the Lord with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly. Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them. Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever. He has caused his wonders to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and compassionate. He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever. He has shown his people the power of his works, giving them the lands of other nations. The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. They are established for ever and ever, enacted in faithfulness and uprightness. He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever—holy and awesome is his name. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.

*Hymn “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” #281

Prayer of Confession: The Lord’s Prayer

Announcements

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

Our Prayer request email: first-pres-prayer@googlegroups.com(prayer request cards are now available on the table in the narthex)

Please keep in prayer:

Dee Swigart. Paula Price.

All groups meet at the church unless otherwise specified.

Office hours for Pastor Carroll will be Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. till noon. His email is: pastor1@thewfpc.org

Chicks with Sticks will meet this Tuesday at Gwen Vietmeier’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.

Christmas Cantata The choir will perform the Christmas Cantata “Believe” on Sunday, December 13th. **Anyone** who would like to sing in the cantata is welcome to join us!

First TEAM We are willing to be hired for raking leaves, etc. If you have any questions, call Stephanie Freimuth at 815-335-7744.

Remember or honor loved ones by sponsoring flowers and / or bulletins. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board. Bulletins are \$20 / Flowers are \$15 (1) or \$30 (2) arrangement(s).

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

The Presbyterian Women are taking orders for angel ornaments to adorn the Christmas tree that will be in the sanctuary.

Orders are due by November 15

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

_____ Color: Red, Green, Pink, Purple, Blue or Orange
(colors are available on a first come, first serve basis)

_____ Total

Given by: _____

In Memory/Honor of: _____

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Assurance of Pardon:

Unison Prayer

Loving Creator, thank you for your son, Jesus Christ. I have prayed in obedience to your holy word and repented of my wrongdoings. Merciful Lord, I thank you for the promise of pardon and peace and forgiveness. In faith, I accept the forgiveness and pardon that you offer so that I am clean in your sight. In Jesus Name, Amen.

*Gloria Patri

#579

Sharing of Joys and Concerns....**concluding with a Unison prayer Lord, we have approached you with joys and concerns this morning. We have offered these to you in faith and obedience. Your Holy word promises that you will listen to us and provide the right answer for each request made and each joy shared. As Paul emphasized, we place our cares before you and we are assured that healing, comfort, mercy, and grace will fill our hearts. In the name of the Lord we pray, Amen.**

*Hymn

“Open My Eyes That I May See”

#324

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings

*Doxology

#592

*Prayer of Dedication

Unison Prayer

Precious Savior, we offer these financial gifts, tithes, and offerings with thankfulness. You grant us many blessings each day and we are giving to you so that others may receive your good news. Help us to exercise wisdom in words and actions as we share the talents and skills that we possess so others can receive your wondrous grace and mercy. In Christ's Holy name, Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Recognition of committees and groups

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| Memorial Committee | Roger Christin |
| Nominating & Personnel Committee | Ted Busch |
| Chicks with Sticks | Polly Morrison |
| Newsletter Helpers | Betsy Menge |
| Kitchen | Gwen Vietmeier |
| Outreach | Betsy Carr |

RECEIVING THE WORD

Scripture: Hebrews 13:8 pg. 1227

Message:
“Our Mission is Constant But Our Methods Must Be Flexible”
Dr. Carroll Smith

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn “Spirit of the Living God” #322

Benediction **Unison Reading**
Today, the word of God has been spoken and heard. Music and singing have filled the sanctuary as well as the hearts of the people. Now, I will endeavor to share this good news with others so that they can have the joy of Christ in their lives. Amen and Amen.

Postlude

All music in our bulletin is protected under CCLI#1409680

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| Church phone number | 815-335-2051 |
| Pastoral Cell | 815-742-7503 |
| Attendance | 88 |
| Offerings | \$2035.10 |

SHARING THE WORD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Every member a minister...

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| Accompanist | Karen Neimeier |
| Projectionist | Kaitlyn Freimuth |
| Ushers | Chuck & Greg Rittmeyer |
| Greeters | Susan Gambrel, Phyllis Hogberg |
| Acolytes | Michael & Mitchel Cunningham |

Looking ahead...

- November 1 - Pastor Claire & Choir
- November 8 - PW Thank Offering service w/children’s choir
- November 15 - Pastor Carroll & Choir, Puppets
- November 22 - Pastor Claire
- November 29 - Pastor Claire, first Sunday in Advent

1st MAP TODAY!!

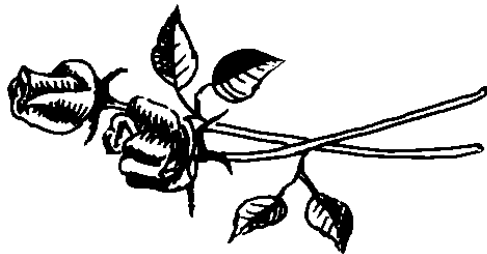
The MAP meeting will immediately follow the worship service.

This gathering of the congregation will begin the discussions on the visions and missions for our church going forward.

Everyone connected to WFPC is welcome to attend and participate in the conversations on various topics about the church and its continuing ministries.

MAP will enable the congregation to plan for the future to honor and fulfill the mission of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Please make plans to attend and share your thoughts. The meeting will serve light refreshments and conclude at 12 noon.



Flowers today are sponsored by:

Fritz & Gwen Vietmeier in honor of their 50th Anniversary