

# Christ Be Beside Me 702



1 Christ be be - side me; Christ be be - fore me; Christ be be -  
 2 Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all a -  
 3 Christ be in all hearts think - ing a - bout me; Christ be on



hind me, King of my heart. Christ be with - in me; Christ be be -  
 round me, shield in the strife. Christ in my sleep - ing, Christ in my  
 all tongues tell - ing of me. Christ be the vi - sion in eyes that



low me; Christ be a - bove me, nev - er to part.  
 sit - ting, Christ in my ris - ing, Light of my life.  
 see me; in ears that hear me Christ ev - er be.

This text adapts part of a traditional Irish prayer associated with St. Patrick (see also no. 6). Such a prayer for protection is known as a *lorica*, from a Latin word for "breastplate" or "armor." It is set to a Gaelic melody that gained wide popularity in the 1970s.

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## ***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.

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| Church phone number  | 815-335-2051 |
| Pastoral Cell        | 815-742-7503 |
| Attendance/Offerings | 59/\$2959.00 |

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Winnebago, Illinois  
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## Announcements

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

All groups meet at the church unless otherwise specified.

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Liturgical color is green for Ordinary Time

### PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude "To God Be the Glory" Cindy Berry

Introit "O God, You Are My God"

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship Unison Reading  
**Heavenly Creator, I am thankful to be in your house this morning. I will sing of the LORD's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations. I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself. The heavens praise your wonders, LORD, your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones. The heavens are yours, and yours also the earth; you founded the world and all that is in it. Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you. Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, LORD. They rejoice in your name and they celebrate your righteousness. Today, I lift my voice and give glory to the Lord. Praise the Lord! Amen.**

\*Hymn "Here I Am, Lord" #525

**Fellowship** Join us for a potluck lunch after the worship service. A free will offering will be taken and go to youth missions.

**Pastor Carroll** will be available Monday and Tuesday afternoon this week. His email is: [pastor1@thewfpc.org](mailto:pastor1@thewfpc.org)

**Session** will meet on Monday at 7 p.m.

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

**Newsletter deadline** All articles and figures are due by Wednesday.

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

**Fall Devotionals** are now available on the table in the hall.

**Kitchen clean up** We will be cleaning the church kitchen on Monday, October 2, please plan to help a day or part of a day.

**Fall Bazaar** We need donations for the Fall Bazaar and bake sale that runs in combination with our Turkey Dinner. If you would like to be on the committee contact, Avis, Bev Barker or Bev Samsel.

**CWS KITS UPDATE** We completed 60 school kits, 7 hygiene kits, and 4 clean-up buckets. Those kits will be dedicated today and taken Tuesday to the Presbytery meeting. **THE NEED STILL EXISTS** for clean up buckets with more hurricanes on the horizon. You can make a donation to Jill, Sue, Marian or Faye and they will shop for more items. **PW WILL MATCH DONATED AMOUNTS** to double the amount of kits we can send! Your contributions are appreciated.

Special music

"Let Them See You" Jason Weeks & Scotty Wilbanks

Passing of the Peace

Celebrating Ministries

### RECEIVING THE WORD

Scripture: Exodus 20:1 - 16; John 14:18; 26 pg. 78-9; KJV

Message: "Pathway of Truth Series: Changing the Plan"

Dr. Carroll Smith

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*Hymn "Christ Be Beside Me" insert

Benediction

**Unison Reading**

**During this Rally Sunday service, we have offered praise and thanksgiving to our Savior and now we go to our community and offer help to others so that they will see Jesus in our daily lives. Then, others can be blessed as we have been blessed, by the Holy Spirit of God. In Christ's name, Amen.**

Postlude "What the Lord Has Done in Me" Reuben Morgan

All music in our bulletin is protected under CCLI#1409680

### SHARING THE WORD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

*Every member a minister...*

Accompanist

Lorita Ooyen

Special music

Lydia & Michelle West

Projectionist

Renee Rittmeyer

Ushers

Norm Dean, Jim Morrison, Chuck Rittmeyer

Greeters

Betsy Parrish, Gretchen Reuter

Acolytes

Thea & Tianna Mitchell

Call to Confession:

**Unison Reading**

**Heavenly Creator, on this Rally Sunday morning, I ask for your grace and mercy so that I can be forgiven, transformed, and renewed in my heart. Help me to offer the same Godly love and kindness to others that you are granting to me so that I can show your goodness and mercy. In Christ's name I pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon:

**Unison Reading**

**In obedience to the Lord, I have asked for forgiveness and mercy. By faith in God's Holy Word and through the sacrifice of Christ my Savior, I accept my pardon and the assurance of His loving grace. In Jesus Name. Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri

#579

Anthem

"Jesus Is My Lord"

Tom Fettke

"Joining Hands"

Stan Pethel

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...**

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings

"Come To Me"

Gregory Norbert

\*Doxology

#592

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Unison prayer**

**Gracious and generous Lord, we give special thanks to you for the opportunity to invest in your Kingdom. We present these gifts, offerings, and tithes so that your good news can be heard by those that need to know your truth. Help us to awaken to our talents and skills so that we can fulfill the mission of Christ in our community. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.**