

Join us for Rally Sunday September 9th

Sunday school starts at 9 a.m.

**A special, extended 150th Celebration
Worship Service
starts at 10:30 a.m.**

**Special Fellowship luncheon
will follow the worship service.**

First Presbyterian Church
Winnebago, Illinois
September 2, 2018
9:30 a.m.

Liturgical color is green for Ordinary Time

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements/Did you know

Call To Worship: Psalm 23 (KJV) **Responsive Reading**

Leader: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

People: He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Leader: Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

People: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Unison: I thank God that I am able to gather this morning for worship so that the Lord may speak to us about being a people of love, faith, truth, and blessing to others. Praise the Lord. Amen.

*Hymn "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" #263

Announcements

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

All groups meet at the church unless otherwise specified.

The church offices will be closed on Monday for Labor Day.

Pastor Carroll will be available Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning this week. His email is pastor1@thewfpc.org

Daily Bread Fall devotionals are now available on the table in the narthex.

Choir rehearsal is on Wednesday at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

Thank you for your generosity for the school supplies drive .

Hors d'oeuvres Please share your delicious hors d'oeuvres at the Open House prior to our special Organ and Piano Concert, Saturday, September 8th. A sign-up sheet and instructions are posted on the bulletin board in the hall. Questions? Please contact Marian at 815-335-2457.

Free Retinal Screening, September 5 in Winnebago The Lions mobile retinal screening unit will be coming to Winnebago to conducting FREE retinal screening on Wednesday, September 5 from 9 a.m.- Noon at Snyder's Pharmacy. The screening takes less than 5 minutes, reservation is not necessary.

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 \$25 (2) arrangement(s).

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.

Looking ahead...

September 8 - Open house and Organ & Piano concert
Open house starts at 4 p.m.
Concert begins at 6 p.m.

SHARING THE WORD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Every member a minister...

Accompanist	Michelle West
Projectionist	Renee Rittmeyer
Ushers	Jim Mitchell, Dave Nichols, Chuck Rittmeyer
Greeters	Volunteers
Volunteers	
Church phone number	815-335-2051
Pastoral Cell	815-742-7503
Attendance	70
Offerings	\$1680.00

Call to Confession Unison Reading
Gracious Shepherd of my life, grant me your compassion so that I can receive your mercy and be forgiven of all wrongdoing. Please let your cleansing power enable me to display a Christian example to everyone that I meet each day. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Unison Reading
The Lord has promised mercy, grace, and forgiveness. I delight in the Lord's promises that allow me to praise Jesus for His sacrifice and His blessings. Thank you loving Shepherd for wondrous mercy and loving pardon from sin. Amen.

*Gloria Patri #579

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Unison Prayer and The Lord's Prayer
We give thanks to the Lord for the blessings and joys that we have been given. Our lives have been enriched because of God's love and grace. Loving Savior, we have presented our concerns to you with faith and confidence because you promised to hear and answer us when we petitioned you with the cares of life. That is why we pray as you taught your disciples to pray...

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings

*Doxology #592
*Prayer of Dedication Unison prayer
Gracious Lord, we express our thankfulness for all that you have given to us. May these gifts, tithes, and offerings be blessed so that the good news of Christ will be shared to those that do not know you as Savior. In your name we pray, Amen

*Hymn "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" #404

Passing of the Peace

RECEIVING THE WORD

Scripture: Exodus 33:14; 34:21; Matthew 11:28 (KJV)
pg. 93; 94 KJV
Message: Celebration 150 Series:
“Rest from Your Labor Through Christ”
Dr. Carroll Smith

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Apostles Creed pg. 14

Leader: Loving Creator, we express great joy because we are able to approach the Lord's Table and share in Holy Communion.

People: Please accept our gratefulness as we celebrate our spiritual freedom and liberty in Christ with the church universal.

Leader: Caring Redeemer, thank you that everyone who believes in Christ as Savior has been set free from the bondage of sin and is invited to dine at the Lord's Table.

People: This morning we celebrate Holy Communion with our hearts filled with great delight as we follow Christ's example and show the world that we proclaim Jesus as our redeemer.

Leader: We partake of the bread and cup with hearts filled with gratitude because Jesus loves us exceedingly and has made us worthy through the brokenness of His body and the shedding of His Blood.

People: We ask that our celebration of Holy Communion at the Lord's Table will give glory and honor to Christ and His Church as we demonstrate His wondrous love, mercy, and grace.

Blessing of the Bread and Cup

Receiving of the Holy Communion coming forward

Prayer after Communion: **Unison Prayer**
Great Author and Finisher of our faith, thank you for making us worthy to dine at the Lord's Table through your love, mercy, and grace. Your holy sacrifice has allowed us to share in Holy Communion with all of God's children. Please continue to bless us so that we are steadfast in our daily walk with you. In your holy name we pray, Amen.

*Hymn “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” #438

Benediction **Unison Reading**
Our devoted Shepherd has blessed us with wondrous rest from our labor. Now, let us go to share this “Rest-in-Christ” with the people of our community for God's glory. Praise the Lord! Amen!

Postlude

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