

First Presbyterian Church  
Winnebago, Illinois  
September 20, 2015  
10:30 a.m.

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**PREPARING FOR THE WORD**

Prelude "He Is Exalted" Carol Tornquist

Introit "Come Rejoicing, Sing!" Joseph M. Martin

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 19:1-4;14 **Unison reading**

**The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. ... May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.**

\*Hymn "O Lord, Our God, How Excellent" #162

Prayer of Confession: The Lord's Prayer

Assurance of Pardon: **Unison reading**  
**In obedience to the Lord, I have confessed my failings and I have requested mercy and forgiveness. By faith in God's Holy Word and through the sacrifice of Jesus my Savior, I accept my pardon and the assurance of His loving grace. In Jesus Name. Amen.**

**Announcements**

Our Church Website: <http://www.thewfpc.org>  
Our Prayer request email: [first-pres-prayer@googlegroups.com](mailto: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 Thursday a.m. and Friday p.m.  
His email is: [pastor1@thewfpc.org](mailto:pastor1@thewfpc.org)

**Chicks with Sticks** will meet on Tuesday starting at 7 p.m. at Ann Fuller's home. If you are interested in knitting or crocheting and working on community projects, please join us.

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

**Women of Hope Gathering** is at First Free Church, Thursday, September 24 @ 7 p.m. Please contact Bev Samsel at 815-335-2892 or [bpsamsel@gmail.com](mailto:bpsamsel@gmail.com) see the bulletin board for more information. Tickets will be purchased in advance, deadline is **today**.

**Shareholder dinner** The Workcamp shareholder dinner will be Sunday, September 27 starting at 6 p.m. All High school youth are invited to attend in addition to the shareholders, this will be a Youth group event.

**Housecleaning** The ladies of the church will be cleaning the kitchen and Fellowship Hall in preparation for the Turkey Dinner. Monday - Wednesday, October 5-7 starting at 9 a.m. Everyone should bring a sack lunch. Your help is **greatly** needed even if just for an hour or two!

## What You Don't Know Can Hurt You!

- **If you are age 21-80 learn your risk for developing 6 different chronic diseases**
- **\$3 out of every \$4 spent on healthcare is for treatment of chronic disease**
- **Better lifestyle habits can help prevent 80% of heart disease and 90% of type 2 diabetes**

The **6 for Life Health Assessment** measures your risk of developing 6 chronic diseases, including heart disease, congestive heart failure, stroke, diabetes, COPD and lung cancer. A customized report will determine which risk factors contribute most to your disease risk and are within your control to change. Finger-stick blood tests along with biometric measurements are included with this assessment.

First Presbyterian Church will be hosting a Life Line Screening preventive health event this Friday, September 25.

Protect your health by registering today for the 6 for Life Health Assessment for \$79.

Call 1-888-653-6441

or

visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners) to schedule your appointment.

Take control of your health, knowledge is empowering.

\*Gloria Patri

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Anthem

“Renew Us”

David Lantz III

Sharing of Joys and Concerns....**concluding with a Unison 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. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.**

\*Hymn

“When In Our Music God Is Glorified”

#264

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings

“Amazing Love”

Carol Tornquist

\*Doxology

#592

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Unison Prayer**

**Lord, we give special thanks to you for the opportunity to give financially to You. 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 great commission. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

### **RECEIVING THE WORD**

Scripture:

Colossians 3:1 - 4; 16, 17

pg. 1200

Message: “Lives Need Our Simple Message of Truth”

Dr. Carroll Smith

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*Hymn "Christ Be Beside Me" insert

Benediction **Unison Reading**  
**Today we worshipped our Lord and He blessed us with His Spirit, His Truth, and His Promises. Let us go into our community and help others see the God of our Salvation. In Christ's name, Amen.**

Postlude "Gigue" Corelli

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 95  
Offerings \$1780.00

**SHARING THE WORD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD**

*Every member a minister...*

Accompanist / Choir Director Michelle West  
Special accompanist Christie Schweitz  
Projectionist Kaleigh Freimuth  
Ushers Chuck Rittmeyer and volunteers  
Greeters Bev Barker, Jodell Brown  
Acolytes Thea Mitchell, Joe Erb

**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).

**Looking ahead...**

September 27 - Pastor Carroll & Puppeteers  
September 27 - Shareholder dinner  
October 4 - Pastor Claire & Choir

**Christ Be Beside Me**

*The new attendance registers were donated by Leo & Mary Weires in loving memory of Mary's mother Edna Cox*

*Missional Analysis (MAP) is an organized process to discuss the ways that the church can more clearly follow God's will for ministry. We need you to join the discussion to assist in the enhancement of WFPC's mission for Christ.*

## DID YOU KNOW?

Our heritage as a missions-oriented church goes back to the day WFPC was born. It was the Middle Creek Presbyterian Church that had the vision for more ministry when that congregation said "We need to provide services in Winnebago closer to the people in town." After Sunday services the Middle Creek pastor came to Winnebago to lead services at our current location. That humble beginning provides us with some examples of missions that WFPC has provided over the years:

- Forming the Foreign Mission Society and the Home Mission Society in the late 1870's and 1880's to organize efforts
- Sending and supporting missionaries in the field
- Meeting the needs of our local community in practical ways
- Teaching the youth about the value of missions

We are doing sponsoring a variety of ministries today. However, Can we do more? What does the Lord have for us if we will open our hearts and ask for His will to be done? How will we respond to His beckoning? Is there need for us to do the same in some other area of town or nearby, or perhaps far away?

It is really possible for us to do these things if we put our heart and resources behind it. How do you feel about meeting needs in these ways? Is there a desire to look at opportunities today to help others experience the love of God through our outreach? Let's talk about it in the near future!