

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.



Flowers and bulletins today are sponsored by:

Jeff and Ann Fuller

Flowers in honor of their Anniversary

Bulletins in memory of Jake

First Presbyterian Church
Winnebago, Illinois
September 24, 2017
10:30 a.m.

Announcements

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

All groups meet at the church unless otherwise specified.

Liturgical color is green for Ordinary Time

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude "An Irish Blessing" James Mansfield

Welcome/Announcements Paul Haeflinger

Call to Worship **Responsive Reading**

Leader: Jesus comes along side us and calls us by name:

People: "[your name], follow me."

Leader: A simple call. A hard call.

People: Because following requires leaving.

Leader: And we look around to see who else Jesus could be talking to.

People: And we look around to see the trappings of the life we know.

Leader: It's hard to leave our nets and walk away from the lake.

People: But we have come this far, to this place where we can listen and be transformed.

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

Prayer of Confession: **Responsive Reading**

Leader: Christ Jesus,

People: We hear your invitation: "Follow me."

Leader: And we want to follow,

People: but we also want to stay where we are.

Leader: We want to receive what you offer,

(continued)

Pastor Carroll is out of the office until October 6. His email is: pastor1@thewfpc.org

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

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

Kitchen clean up We will be cleaning the church kitchen on Monday, October 2, please plan to help for the day or part of the 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 Lind, Bev Barker or Bev Samsel.

Card Shower! For those of you who know her, and some of you who don't, Helen Whitney is turning 100 on September 27!!! You can send her a card at:

Helen Whitney
7 Partridge Run
Warren, NJ 07060

Workcamp 2018 will be in Greeley, Colorado June 24-30. We will probably leave Friday the 22nd and return July 1st. If you are entering high school (fall 2018) - adult and would like to join us, please see Barb Whitney or email me at bagotchr@yahoo.com. Workcamp is an amazing way to serve others, meet new people, and share God's love by being the hands and feet of Christ.

**ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER
AND
FALL BAZAAR**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21



SEATINGS AT 5-6-7 P.M.

Dinner includes: Turkey, dressing, potatoes, gravy, veggie, coleslaw, cranberry relish, roll, pie & beverage

TICKET PRICES:

Adults (11+) \$10

Children (5-10) \$5, children 4 and under are free

Carryouts available from 5-6:30 p.m.

For tickets call:

Shirley Burkhart 815-335-2276 Sue Jansen 815-335-2081

Betsy Menge 815-964-2683 Church office 815-335-2051

Join Us for Dinner, stay to shop...

Craft Bazaar and Bake Sale starts at 3 p.m.

******New this year******

A raffle for a hand made warm, throw blanket
tickets are \$1/1 ticket or \$5/6 tickets

**People: but we also want to cling to what we already have.
And so we are stuck.**

Leader: Holy One,

People: Calm our fears. Forgive our selfishness. Loosen our grip and liven our feet.

Assurance of Pardon:

Unison Reading

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." May your souls rest in the assurance that, through Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

*Gloria Patri

#579

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Puppet Show

"The Coverup"

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings

"Come, Holy Traveler"

Patricia Lou Harris

*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.

*Hymn

"Precious Lord Take My Hand"

#404

Passing of the Peace

RECEIVING THE WORD

Scripture: Psalm 27:1-4; 14 & Matthew 4:18-22 pg. 569; 984

Message: "The Soft Voice Of God"

Dr. Danny Pierce

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn "Christ Be Beside Me" insert

Benediction

Postlude "Hymn To Joy" David Cherwein

All music in our bulletin is protected under CCLI#1409680

Church phone number	815-335-2051
Pastoral Cell	815-742-7503
Attendance	91
Offerings	\$2169.52

SHARING THE WORD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Every member a minister...

Accompanist	Karen Niemeier
Projectionist	Kaleigh Freimuth
Puppeteers	Jr. High Sunday school class
Ushers	Jim & Rita Mitchell, Chuck Rittmeyer
Greeters	Steve & Barb Whitney
Acolytes	Mitchel Cunningham, Isabelle Gray

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.

Looking ahead...

- October 1 - Pastor Bob Connor - Chancel Choir
- October 8 - Children's choir
- October 15 - Chancel Choir
- October 21 Turkey Dinner
- October 22 - Puppets