

First Presbyterian Church
Winnebago, Illinois
September 25, 2011
10:30 a.m.

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude "Sweet Hour of Prayer" William Bradbury

Welcome/Announcements

Minute for Missions Dixie Leden

Call to Worship

Leader: God hears our prayers and vindicates us when we are wronged.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: Tested and tried, we remain faithful to God.

People: God answers our prayers and shows his steadfast love.

Leader: We behold God's face in righteousness.

People: We are satisfied when we behold his presence.

*Hymn "All Things Bright and Beautiful" #267

Prayer of Adoration and Confession
(Concluding with the Lord's Prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri #579

Children's message

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah" #281

Announcements

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

Our Prayer request email is: prayer@thewfpc.org

All groups meet at the church unless otherwise specified.

Praise Band will meet on Monday at 6:30 p.m. Join us, we always welcome new musical talent.

Chicks with Sticks will meet on Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Ann Fuller's home. Join us if you like to knit or crochet.

Kitchen Volunteers Housekeeping will be doing the annual kitchen cleaning on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, October 3-5th. We will start at 9 a.m. each day. Lunch is provided. This cleaning includes washing all the cupboards and dishes in preparation for the Turkey dinner. Contact Gwen Vietmeier at 815-961-0985 or Betsy Menge at 815-964-2683 if you can help with this project.

Are you crafty? Can you bake? PW is asking for donations for the fall bazaar. (Crafts, baked goods etc.) Call Shirley Burkhart at 815-335-2276 if you would like to help or donate items.

PW A reminder to all PW women the deadline to register for the PWP Fall Mini-Gathering held at Middle Creek is September 28. The gathering is Saturday, October 8, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00. Please come for great time to meet with women from other area churches and enjoy our speaker, Rev. Phyllis Mueller, pastor of Marengo First. Her program is called "Drumming Circles". Please see Jill Sunday today to register.

Nursery There will be nursery care provided during the service starting today for children 4 yrs. old and under.

Benediction

Postlude "Children of the Heavenly Father" Swedish melody

All music in our bulletin is protected under CCLI#1409680

Church phone number 815-335-2051

Combined Attendance 103

Combined Offerings \$1912.55

SHARING THE WORD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Every member a minister...

Pastor	Reverend Steve Shullanberger
Guest Speaker	Aimee Goldmeyer
Accompanist	Scott Farrell
Projectionist	Josh Luna
Ushers	Chuck & Greg Rittmeyer
Greeters	Ted & Kristy Busch
Acolytes	Ella Maher, Katie Erb

Please keep in prayer: The Franklin Family. Roger Remer.
Dillon Upchurch. Bob Look. Bob Reed. Dick Westphal.

*Flowers and bulletins today are sponsored by:
Don and Shirley Crawford in honor of
the baptism of the Fraley Quads' baptism*

Affirmation of Faith:

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image,
male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments.
We violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah
chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.
Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings

*Doxology
*Prayer of Dedication

RECEIVING THE WORD

Scripture: Romans 9:1-5; Genesis 32:22-31 pg. 1153, 35

Message: "Wrestling With God"
Aimee Goldmeyer

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn "God of the Sparrow" #272

Flowers and Bulletins You may sponsor one or both of these, sign up sheets are on the bulletin board. Bulletins are \$15, Flowers are \$12.50 (1) or \$25 (2) arrangements.

Saturday Worship begins at 6 p.m.

2011 PW Mission Opportunity this year mission coordinator, Dixie Leden has chosen The Haven Network.



THE HAVEN NETWORK
Northern Illinois' Perinatal Hospice & Bereavement Center

815.962.1512

The Haven Network, Northern Illinois' perinatal hospice and bereavement center, provides companionship on the grief journey to families who are facing a terminal diagnosis of their pre-born or newborn baby.

Wish list:

Gift cards to Kohl's or Walgreens- these are used to purchase photo albums for the families

Gift cards to local restaurants for the families

Solid pink or blue gift bags approximately 10 x 12 (available at the Dollar Store)

Preemie sleepers (available at Babies R Us, Walmart, Kohl's)

Pastel pink, blue or white baby yarn for blankets

Plain white photo storage boxes from Hobby Lobby

Newborn scrap booking items

Items will be dedicated on November 13 at the Thank Offering Service.