

First Presbyterian Church  
Winnebago, Illinois  
September 25, 2016  
10:30 a.m.

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Liturgical color is green for Ordinary Time

**PREPARING FOR THE WORD**

Prelude “Since I Have Been Redeemed” Lani Smith

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship **Unison Reading**  
**I will worship the LORD with all my heart and give praise to the great works of the LORD. Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever. The LORD is gracious and compassionate. He remembers his covenant forever. The works of his hands are faithful and just; all of his precepts are trustworthy. He provides redemption for his people and I offer sincere praise to my Savior this morning. Praise the LORD. Amen.**

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

Call to Confession: **Unison Reading**  
**Loving Creator, thank you for your love, grace, kindness, and mercy this morning. I ask for your pardon and compassion so that my heart can be made clean. Help me to follow your example to offer Godly love and kindness to others in my daily walk with you. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.**

**Announcements**

Our Church Website: <http://www.thewfpc.org>  
(prayer request cards are now available on the table in the narthex)

**Please keep in prayer:**  
Dee Swigart.

All groups meet at the church unless otherwise specified.

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

**Youth For Christ** an informational meeting will be held on Tuesday at 6 p.m. Youth for Christ is a one on one student mentoring/tutoring program.

**Chicks with Sticks** will meet at Ann Fuller’s home on Tuesday starting at 7 p.m.

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

**PW Cleaning days** We will be cleaning the church kitchen starting on October 3 at 9 a.m. Please bring a sack lunch. Even though it is work we have a great time and fellowship.

**Fall Bazaar** We need donations for the Fall Bazaar that runs in combination with our Turkey Dinner. For more information see Jill Sunday.

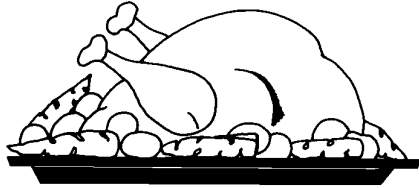
**Church World Service’s Kits Program** We now have completed school kits. Please help us complete our goal of 35 Hygiene Kits. We have completed 12 hygiene kits, so far. There are coupons on the bulletin board listing the needed items.

**Anna’s Bucks** are now available, see Barb Whitney.

**ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER  
AND  
FALL BAZAAR**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22**

*(please note the date change)*



SEATINGS AT 5-6-7 P.M.

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

**TICKET PRICES:**

Adults (11+) \$9

Children (5-10) \$4.50

Children 4 and under are free

***Carryouts available too!***

**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.

Assurance of Pardon:

**Unison Reading**

**Wondrous Savior, I have confessed that I need my heart made clean. I have asked for mercy and forgiveness and by faith in God's Holy Word I accept my pardon from sin through your loving grace. In your holy name I pray. Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri

#579

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Jr. High Skit

"Answering God's Call"

\*Hymn

"Precious Lord Take My Hand"

#404

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

D. Wagner

\*Doxology

#592

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Unison prayer**

**Generous and gracious God, we thank you for the opportunity to offer gifts and tithes this morning. Help us to be wise stewards of your blessings so that your good news can be heard by those that need to know your truth. Assist us as we offer our talents and skills to others so that we can faithfully fulfill your great mission. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

Baptism of Catherine Joy Stallman

Passing of the Peace

## RECEIVING THE WORD

Scripture: Ephesians 5:1 - 2; Hebrews 13:8 pg. 1193; 1227

Message: "Completing Christ's Mission/Plan"  
Dr. Carroll Smith

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*Hymn "Christ Be Beside Me" insert

Benediction **Unison Reading**

**Today we have offered praise and thanksgiving to our Savior and now we go to offer help to others so that they will see the God of our Salvation. May the LORD bless us and keep us, and may the LORD'S favor shine upon us and be gracious to us. May the LORD turn his face toward us and grant us great peace. Amen.**

Postlude "Faith Leads Us Onward" Steven Scott  
All music in our bulletin is protected under CCLI#1409680

Church phone number 815-335-2051  
Pastoral Cell 815-742-7503  
Attendance / Offerings 93 / \$2984.00

## SHARING THE WORD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

*Every member a minister...*

Accompanist Karen Neimeier  
Projectionist Rachel Rittmeyer  
Ushers Greg & Chuck Rittmeyer  
Greeters Brett & Gail Starkey  
Acolytes Jason Luna, Thea Mitchell

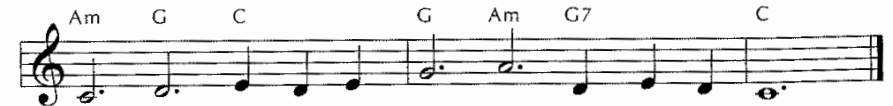
## Christ Be Beside Me / U2



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 2 - Chancel Choir  
October 9 - Pastor Claire, Children's choir  
October 16 - Pastor Claire, Chancel Choir  
October 22 Turkey Dinner

*Catherine Joy Stallman is the daughter of  
Matt & Stephanie Stallman,  
the granddaughter of Terry & Marcee Keilback,  
the great granddaughter of Judy Mitchell.*