

## ***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.

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Betsy Menge in memory of her dear friend, Toody Korf*

First Presbyterian Church  
Winnebago, Illinois  
September 3, 2017  
9:30 a.m.

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## 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 and Wednesday mornings this week. His email is: [pastor1@thewfpc.org](mailto:pastor1@thewfpc.org)

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

**Rockford Rescue Mission** Our night to serve is this Friday at 6 p.m. If you are interested please call the church office.

**Fall Devotionals** are now available on the table in the narthex.

**Kitchen Clean Up** We will be cleaning the church kitchen starting on Monday, October 2nd. Please plan to help a day or part of a day. Many hands make light work.

**CWS Kits Program** has 1 more week to complete the kits. All the school kits are now complete! The hygiene kits need a few items and they are listed on the box lid. **DUE TO HURRICANE HARVEY THERE IS A HIGH DEMAND FOR OUR CLEAN UP BUCKETS!!!** Items needed are on the bulletin board or listed on the bucket lids. If you would like to donate instead of shop, see Jill Sunday. Your contributions are appreciated.

Liturgical color is green for Ordinary Time

### PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Call To Worship: Psalm 23 (KJV)

**Unison Reading**

**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. 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. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. Praise the Lord!**

\*Hymn

“Here In This Place”

insert

Call to Confession:

**Unison Reading**

**Gracious Shepherd of my life, please grant me your compassion so that I can receive your mercy and be forgiven of all wrongdoing. Please be forgiving this morning so that I am able to show a godly example to everyone that I meet each day. In Christ's name I pray. Amen.**

Prayer after Communion: **Unison Prayer**  
**Gracious Lord, 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 "Christ Be Beside Me" insert

Benediction **Unison Reading**  
**Our loving Shepherd has given us a great invitation to approach Him and receive rest from our labor. This morning we have experienced the wondrous blessings of the Holy Spirit as worship and praise was offered to our Savior. Now, let us go and share the "Rest-in-Christ" with the people of our community for God's glory. Praise the Lord! Amen!**

Postlude  
 All music in our bulletin is protected under CCLI#1409680

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SHARING THE WORD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

*Every member a minister...*

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| Accompanist         | Michelle West                               |
| Special music       | Julie Crannell                              |
| Special accompanist | Dixie Leden                                 |
| Projectionist       | Renee Rittmeyer                             |
| Ushers              | Jim Mitchell, Dave Nichols, Chuck Rittmeyer |
| Greeters            | Ralph & Deb Storey                          |
| Acolytes            | Grace & Joe Erb                             |

Here in This Place  
 Gather Us In

1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,  
 van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,  
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;  
 brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.  
 Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and  
 blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion  
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,  
 we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.  
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

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

\*Gloria Patri #579

Special music "O Lord, Be Merciful"

Sharing of Joys and Concerns  
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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 gospel message will be shared to those that do not know you as Savior. In your name we pray, Amen.**

\*Hymn "Break Thou Bread of Life" #329

Welcoming Joyce Hanson

Apostles Creed pg. 14

Congregational Welcome: **Unison Reading**  
**With joy and thanksgiving we welcome Joyce into Christ's Church and the Winnebago church family.**

Passing of the Peace

## **RECEIVING THE WORD**

Scripture: Exodus 34:21 (NIV); Matthew 11:28 (KJV) pg. 94

Message: Pathway of Truth Series:  
"Enjoying the Rest that Surpasses Understanding"  
Dr. Carroll Smith

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

Leader: Gracious God, there is joy in our hearts because we are able to approach the Lord's Table and share in Holy Communion. Please accept our gratefulness as we celebrate our spiritual freedom and liberty in Christ with the church universal. How marvelous and wonderful is your invitation to everyone who believes in Christ as Savior. We have been set free from the bondage of sin and are invited to dine at the Lord's Table with all of your 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.

***Unison:* 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. 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

# Join us for Rally Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup>

Sunday school classes begin on 9 a.m.  
followed by the worship service at 10:30 a.m.

Afterwards there will be a potluck lunch  
in the fellowship hall.

BBQ and Pulled Pork sandwiches will be provided  
by the Todd Weires memorial.

Each family is asked to bring either a salad or a dessert.

Beverages and table service will be provided.

A free will offering will be taken and all donations  
will go to the youth missions.

***All are welcome, please join us!***

Christ Be Beside Me / UZ

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.

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Church phone number	815-335-2051
Pastoral Cell	815-742-7503
Attendance	67
Offerings	\$1623.00

2017 Per Capita \$36.11, collected to date \$2476.52