

First Presbyterian Church  
Winnebago, Illinois  
September 4, 2016  
9:30 a.m.

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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                      "Come Sing To God"                      #181

Apostles Creed                      pg. 14

Call to Confession                      **Unison Reading**  
**Gracious Shepherd of my life, please grant me your compassion so that I can be forgiven and cleansed from all wrongdoing. Help me to share your love and kindness in my daily living. 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.**

### 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.

The church offices will be closed on Monday.

**Pastor Carroll** will be available Wednesday and Thursday mornings this week. His email is: [pastor1@thewfpc.org](mailto:pastor1@thewfpc.org)

**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, call the church office.

**Youth Group** Calling all Jr. and Sr. High Youth! We will meet on September 11 at 6 p.m. at the church. ***Friends are welcome!!!*** Parents, we are looking for a few people interested in leading the Jr. High youth group. Interested? See Stephanie Freimuth.

**Volunteers are needed** to help keep the outside of the building beautiful. Please contact any of the Trustees or the church office if you want to discover if you have a "green thumb."

**Fall Bazaar** Are you crafty? We need donations are needed for the Fall Bazaar that runs in combination with our Turkey Dinner. For more information see Jill Sunday.

**Church World Service's Kits Program** Last year, with your help, PW brought 30 school kits and 4 clean-up buckets to the Presbytery Meeting. This year's goal is 50 school kits and 35 hygiene kits.

# God Is So Good

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1 God is so good; God is so good;  
 2 God cares for me; God cares for me;  
 3 God loves me so; God loves me so;  
 4 God is so good; God is so good;

God is so good; God's so good to me.  
 God cares for me; God's so good to me.  
 God loves me so; God's so good to me.  
 God is so good; God's so good to me.

The exact origins of this chorus celebrating God's providential care are not clear, but it seems to have arisen during the 1970s. Because the text changes so little, the slowly rising four-note pattern of the tune provides the primary source of energy within its five-note range.

## Looking ahead...

September 11 - Rally Sunday / Choir performs  
 September 17th - Family Fun Day at Freedlund Chiropractic  
 September 18 - Choir performs

Assurance of Pardon

Unison Reading

**The Lord is my Shepherd and 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

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn

"Break Thou Bread of Life"

#329

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.**

Passing of the Peace

## RECEIVING THE WORD

Scripture:

Matthew 11:28

pg. 993

Message:

"Come and Rest from your Labor"

Dr. Carroll Smith

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

*Leader:* This morning we approach the Lord’s Table with praise and thankfulness because we can celebrate Holy Communion with the church universal. We express sincere gratitude to our Savior for His great love so that we have pardon from sin. This morning we celebrate Holy Communion with hearts filled with joy and praise. We follow our Lord’s example and we show the world that we declare Jesus as Savior.

**People: We enter into this celebration with hearts filled with appreciation because Christ has made us worthy through the brokenness of His body and the shedding of His Blood.**

*Leader:* We remember the great sacrifice that Jesus made so that we are given grace, mercy, forgiveness, and salvation.

**People: We eat this bread and drink this cup with gratitude in our hearts and praise upon our lips. We proclaim Christ’s saving power to the world as we obey the command of our Savior to do this in remembrance of Him.**

***Unison:* We lift up our hearts to Christ our Lord and we give thanks for His sacrifice so that we have the blessing of salvation. We ask that our celebration at the Lord’s Table will help us to live a life that is pleasing to him and will give glory to Christ’s name.**

The Bread and the Cup: Blessing and Praise  
Receiving of the Holy Communion coming forward

Unison Prayer after Communion **Unison prayer**  
**Heavenly Creator, thank you for this celebration of Holy Communion. Your Holy Spirit has renewed us and will help us to share the good news of salvation so that others may be blessed with the renewing of their hearts and lives for your glory. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 to share the Rest of Christ with the people of our community for God's glory. Praise the Lord!**

Postlude

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 66  
Offerings \$1250.00

**SHARING THE WORD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD**

*Every member a minister...*

Accompanist Michelle West  
Projectionist Rachel Rittmeyer  
Ushers Jim Mitchell, Dave Nichols, Chuck Rittmeyer  
Greeters Mat & Debbie Smith  
Acolytes Joe & Grace Erb

*Bulletins today are provided by:  
Betsy Menge in memory of Todd & Kay Rood*



**FREE**  
*Family Fun Day!*  
**Saturday**  
**September 17th**

Come have fun for free!  
*Games Food Raffles*  
*Bounce House*  
*Prizes Fire Truck*

*506 N. Elida, Winnebago*

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# Join us for Rally Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup>

The program begins at 9:30 a.m. with a welcome and introduction of this year's Sunday school teachers.

Programs offered by the church will also be explained along with ways for you to participate.

The worship service will blend in and be presented by Pastor Carroll Smith.

Regular Sunday school classes begin on September 18<sup>th</sup> at 9 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!*

***Nursery care is available for children  
infant through age 3yr.***