

Looking ahead...

September 16 - Choir performs



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**First Presbyterian Church
Winnebago, Illinois
September 9, 2018
10:30 a.m.**

Liturgical color is green for Ordinary Time

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude "I Believe and Somebody Bigger Than You and I"

Welcome/Announcements Bill Newkirk

Presentation of Colors Boy Scouts

Pledge of Allegiance to Christian Flag Sue Gambrel

Pledge of Allegiance to American Flag Sue Gambrel

Introit "Lift Up the Name of Jesus/Sweet, Sweet Spirit"
Johnson/Akers

Call to Worship: **Responsive Reading**, Sue Gambrel

Leader: Praise the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.

People: Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.

Announcements

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

All groups meet at the church unless otherwise specified.

Ian Douglas Stallman is the son of Stephanie & Matthew Stallman and the brother to Catherine. Grandson to Terry & Marcee Keilback, great-grandson to Judy Mitchell, and related to all the Mitchell's.

A Special Fellowship luncheon will follow the worship services by **Reservation Only**.

Pastor Carroll will be available Monday afternoon this week. His email is pastor1@thewfpc.org

Daily Bread Fall devotionals are available on the table in the narthex.

Please note we are offering an additional adult christian education class that will include various 6-8 week studies. The class is meeting in the classroom outside the balcony entrance.

Session meets on Monday at 7 p.m.

Chicks with Sticks will meet on Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the home of Polly Morrison. If you like to knit or crochet, or would like to learn, please join us. We work on various community projects.

Newsletter deadline Items for the newsletter are due by Wednesday.

Choir rehearsal is on Wednesday at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

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

Anthem "We Are The Church" Sorenson

*Gloria Patri #579

Sharing of Joys and Concerns Teresa Ackerman

Unison Prayer concluding with the Lord's Prayer
Wondrous and Glorious Creator we give thanks to you for the blessings and joys that we have been given. Our lives have been marvelously enriched because of your love, grace, and mercy. Along with the joys, we have presented our concerns to you with faith and confidence because you promised to hear and answer us when we petitioned you with the cares of life. That is why we pray as you taught your disciples to pray...

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings
"It Is No Secret"

*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 good news of Christ can continue to be shared with those that do not know you as Savior. In your name we pray, Amen.

Sunday school introductions Staci Thompson

*Hymn "How Great Thou Art" #467

Did You Know?/Remembering the past... Bev Williams

BirdLife in Wington: "Church Birdiquette" Sue Gambrel

Prayer after Communion **Unison Prayer**
Great Author and Finisher of our faith, thank you for making us worthy to dine at the Lord's Table through your love, mercy, and grace. Your holy sacrifice has permitted 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 "Amazing Grace" #280

Prayer of Blessing

Choral Benediction "The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

Postlude "You'll Never Walk Alone"

All music in our bulletin is protected under CCLI#1409680

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.

SHARING THE WORD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Every member a minister...

Scripture reading	Joni Benning
Choir Director	Michelle West
Accompanist	Lorita Ooyen
Children's choir	Kasey Benson
Violinist	Christie Schweitz
Projectionist	Rachel Rittmeyer
Ushers	Norm Dean, Jim Morrison, Chuck Rittmeyer
Greeters	Faye Reed, Weavel Family, Smith Family, Busch Family
Acolytes	Thea & Tianna Mitchell

Church phone number	815-335-2051
Pastoral Cell	815-742-7503
Attendance	65
Offerings	\$2836.00

Remember or honor loved ones by sponsoring flowers and / or bulletins. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board. Bulletins are \$20 / Flowers are \$15 (1) or \$25 (2) arrangement(s).

Leader: Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre,

People: praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe, praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.

***Unison:* On this wondrous Sunday, we thank you most Holy Creator that we are able to give honor to you for the blessings of 150 years. May your Holy Spirit smile upon us so that your love, faith, truth, mercy, and grace can continue to be shared in this community until you come. As the psalmist says, "Praise the Lord." Amen.**

*Hymn "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" #464

Call to Confession: **Unison Reading, Norm Dean**
Gracious Shepherd of my life, your word declares that I should "Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and ..." I would find rest for my soul. This morning as I give thanks for your love, grace, and mercy, please let your cleansing power of forgiveness enable me to draw closer to you and find the purity and peace that my heart truly needs. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: **Unison Reading, Norm Dean**
The Lord has promised mercy, grace, and forgiveness. I delight in the Lord's promises that allow me to praise Jesus for His sacrifice and His blessings. As the Apostle Paul says, "I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." Thank you loving Shepherd for wondrous mercy and loving pardon from sin. Amen.

Children's Choir "Jesus Loves Me"

Baptism of Ian Douglas Stallman Judy Mitchell/Pastor Carroll

Affirmation by the parents

Affirmation by the congregation (respond with God's help, we do.)

Prayer of Blessing by the congregation **Unison Prayer**
Heavenly Creator, as we consider the wonders of your creation, we are amazed and appreciative of the awesomeness of parenthood. Bless Matthew and Stephanie in a very special way so that their lives will show forth your love as they nurture Ian from childhood to adulthood. Also, Lord, you have given us the wonderful privilege of being a part of Ian's upbringing. Help us to be a proper example and an inspiration to this wonderful little boy that we have dedicated to you and baptized into your heavenly family. Please bind Ian to yourself in the covenant that you made in his baptism. It is for your glory that we make all of these requests in Jesus name. Amen.

Welcome from the congregation: **Unison Reading**
With joy we welcome Ian Douglas Stallman into Christ's Church.

Special music "Washed In The Blood" Tracey A. Collins

RECEIVING THE WORD

Scripture: Psalm 150; Jeremiah 6:16; Philippians 3:14
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Message: "Celebrating the Past While Looking Ahead"
Dr. Carroll Smith

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Apostles Creed

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Leader: Loving Creator, we express great joy because we are able to approach the Lord's Table and share in Holy Communion.

People: Please accept our gratefulness as we celebrate our spiritual freedom and liberty in Christ with the church universal.

Leader: Caring Redeemer, thank you that everyone who believes in Christ as Savior has been set free from the bondage of sin and is invited to dine at the Lord's Table.

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.

Leader: We share 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.

People: 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