



We start the season on **Wednesday, February 18**, by gathering for a **Soup Supper at 5:30 pm**, followed by our traditional **Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30 pm** in the Sanctuary.

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper together and offer imposition of ashes for anyone who wishes to receive them.

We are also once again joining area churches in hosting Community Lenten Services on Wednesdays during Lent at 6:30 pm this year. The schedule is as follows:

February 25	Dimensions Living Winnebago
March 4	Middle Creek Presbyterian Church
March 11	First Presbyterian Church Winnebago
March 18	Winnebago United Methodist Church
March 25	Seward Congregational Church

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Welcome to Worship!
First Presbyterian Church
February 1, 2026 - 4th Sunday after Epiphany
10:30 a.m.

Prelude/Welcome/Announcements

*Call to Worship: (From Psalm 15)

O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

Who may dwell on your holy hill?

**Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart.**

Those whose tongue utters no slander,
who do no wrong to a neighbor, and cast no slur on others.

**Those who despise what is wicked,
but honor the fear of the Lord.**

They will stand by their oath even when it hurts.

**They will lend to the poor without interest,
and never take a bribe against the innocent.**

Those who do these things shall never be moved!

Lead us, O Lord, to dwell in your presence forevermore!

*Hymn “Open the Eyes of My Heart” #452

Opening Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Unison Reading

Forgive us, Lord, when we say we follow Jesus but we have not learned to carry our cross. We want Jesus to improve our lives the way the world sees them as better: richer, healthier, safer. Yet Jesus was not rich, and the authorities killed him because they saw him as a threat. We've forgotten the cross was how they persecuted the man who did not play by the rules of a violent world. We've ignored that the cross was injustice done to the One who was innocent before God, but dangerous to those who merely wanted to keep their religious and political power.

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Announcements

Session meets Monday at 6:30 pm.

2026 Directory Updates If you have changed your phone number, email address, or mailing address please let the office know by February 15th so we can update the directory.

Chancel Choir practices on Wednesday at 6:30 pm.

Book Study *The 8 Habits of Evangelism* focusing on the Habits of Radical Welcome, Prayer, Teaching, Fellowship and Generosity. We will meet via Zoom on Thursdays at 6:30 pm.

Youth Group will be volunteering at Northern IL Food Bank, on Saturday, February 7th, the 9-11:30 am shift. Arrive 15 min before shift, or carpool from church at 8:20 am, 1397 Sandy Hollow Rd. **Food Distribution event, dress warmly, closed shoes.**

Per Capita for 2026 is \$45 per person.

Sign-up sheets for flowers and bulletins are on the bulletin board, one week's notice is needed for flower orders, see Stefanie Kluck.

Stewardship Update: December Income -Expenses: -\$8,881.03
2025 Giving-Expenses: -\$24,492.67

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Where community, faith, family, and friends come together.*

*Prayer of Dedication

Loving God, receive these gifts along with our lives, that our church may shine the light of the crucified and risen Christ in every way you intend us to serve. Through Christ our Lord we pray, Amen.

Joys & Concerns, Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

THE LORD'S SUPPER

(All Christians welcome—you don't have to be Presbyterian)
(Gluten Free option available)

Invitation

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Great Thanksgiving
Breaking of the Bread
Prayer after Communion

*Hymn "Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord" #628
(Choir sings the first verse)

Benediction

Postlude

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Every member a minister...

Accompanist/Choir Director Sharon Smith
Liturgist /Reader Barb Whitney, Karen Finch
Projectionist Joe Erb Jr.
Communions Servers Greg Rittmeyer, Terry Schweitz, Joe Erb Sr.
Ushers Bruce Benning, Greg Rittmeyer

Unison prayer

We wear the symbol on our necks and cars and the walls of our homes, but don't expect God to call us to surrender everything to stand for love and goodness, like Jesus did. Help us, O Lord, understand the call to carry our own cross.

Time of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon:

When Christ died for us, he became the only necessary sacrifice for the forgiveness of our sins. Through the grace of the Savior we need only to confess our sin and turn towards what is good.
Friends, believe the Good News! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Patri

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Passing of the Peace

Choir Anthem "How Beautiful Your Name"

Minute for Mission CWS Blankets Sue Gambrel (PW)

Scripture: Micah 6:1-8; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 pg. 951; 1161
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "Guided by the Cross"
Pastor Lisa Lopez-Meyer

The Apostles' Creed pg. 35

*Hymn "Lift High the Cross" (v.1,3,4) #826

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings
*Doxology #606