

## **Announcements**

**Youth Group** meets tonight from 6:30-8 pm in the youth room. Come eat, pray and play with us!

**PW Coordinating Team** will meet Tuesday at 9 am in the fellowship hall. We will review the 2026 calendar and projects.

**Chicks with Sticks** knitting group meets Tuesday at 10 am.

**Trustees** meets Tuesday at 5 pm.

**Newsletter items** are due by Wednesday.

**Chancel Choir** practices on Wednesday at 6:30 pm.

**Zoom 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.

**Officer Training** Elders and Deacons will meet on January 17 at 9 am till noon in the Fellowship Hall.

**Annual Meeting** will be January 25 after the worship service. We will have a potluck luncheon afterwards. A food sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

**Clothing Drive** The high school Sunday School class is hosting a winter clothing drive through the end of January.

**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.

**Welcome to Worship!**  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
**January 11, 2026 - Baptism of the Lord**  
**10:30 a.m.**

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Prelude/Welcome/Announcements

**\*Call to Worship:**  
Sing the praises of the Almighty God,  
who has gathered us as family.

**In Jesus Christ we have become children of God!**  
**We are sisters and brothers through faith!**  
Praise the name of the Lord who forgives all our sin!  
**The waters of baptism have carried away our guilt.**  
**Our Savior has taken the burden for us!**  
All glory to the Spirit, who gives us life from within!  
**The Spirit testifies that we belong to God!**  
Let us rejoice in the One who calls us!  
**We will find peace in our Holy God!**

**\*Hymn** “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee” (v.1,2,3,5) #629

Opening Prayer

Prayer of Confession: **Unison Reading**  
**Forgive us, Lord, when we forget who we are. In our baptisms**  
**you have called us your children, but we do not always live in a**  
**way that shows that we belong to you. We can still be selfish,**  
**choosing what only works for us even when we know it harms**  
**somebody else. We can be cowardly, hiding from one another**  
**when we know we need to reach out. We neglect your**  
**command to go into the world and make disciples as part of**  
**our own discipleship. Have mercy on us, Lord, and guide us to**  
**live in love, courage, and deep faith.**

Time of Silent Confession

**\*Hymn** “Jesus, Lover of My Soul” (v.1,3,4) #440

Benediction

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*Every member a minister...*

Accompanist Christie Schweitz  
Liturgist /Reader Ted Busch, Sheree Sensel  
Projectionist Joe Erb  
Ushers Jim Mitchell and Norm Dean  
Communion Servers: Stefanie Kluck, Stephanie Freimuth,  
Bev Williams

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

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

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(3) Do we agree to pray for all of them, to encourage them, respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

Prayer and Laying on of Hands  
Statement of Ordination/Installation  
Welcome

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings  
\*Doxology #606

\*Prayer of Dedication **Unison prayer**  
**Holy God, in thanksgiving and adoration we delicate these gifts and our whole lives to your service. May we bring you honor through our obedience to the great commission given to us by Christ. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

Prayers of the People  
We now have a time of sharing for our joys and concerns  
Prayers concluding with..... **The Lord's Prayer in unison**

#### 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

#### Assurance of Pardon:

In our baptisms, God claimed us as beloved children and promised that all our sin would be washed away by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. Friends, believe the Good News, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God!**

\*Gloria Patri #581

#### Passing of the Peace

Scripture: Matthew 3:13-17; Matthew 28:16-20 pg. 983; 1017  
This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: "Anchored in a New Identity"  
Pastor Lisa Lopez-Meyer

Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed pg. 35

\*Hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" (v.1,2,5) #306

#### Ordinations and Installations of Ruling Elders, Deacons and Trustees

Statement on the Offices  
Questions to Newly Elected Ruling Elders, Deacons and Trustees  
Questions to the Congregation:

(1) Do we, the members of the First Presbyterian Church of Winnebago, accept Stefanie, Ryan and Matthew as Elders, as well as Sheree and Karen as Deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

(2) Do we also receive Lisa Mitchell as a Trustee of the church, commissioned to be among the primary stewards of the physical property of the church? **We do.**