

Clothing Drive



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

As you receive new clothes during the holidays,
please consider sharing *clean, gently used* items
you no longer wear.

Donations can be brought to the church,
and we'll deliver them to:
The Rockford Rescue Mission.

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Welcome to Worship!
First Presbyterian Church
January 18, 2026 - 2nd Sunday after Epiphany
10:30 a.m.

Prelude/Welcome/Announcements

Introit: "Just As I Am"

*Call to Worship:

When people were curious about Christ,
he told them to "Come and See"

Jesus invites us to join him!

He dares us to live the life he lived!

When Jesus was gathering his disciples,
he asked them to "Follow me"

He set for them an example, the same one for you and me.

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he sent us to make disciples.

We are called to bring others to Jesus!

We are called to teach the way of Christ!

Come, let us remember our purpose and calling!

Let us rejoice in the good news of God!

*Hymn "Hear the Good News of Salvation" #441

Opening Prayer

Prayer of Confession: **Unison Reading**
Forgive us, Lord, when we forget about your call to make other disciples. We love the good news for ourselves, but don't often think about how it could transform the lives of others. We love to say people 'need Jesus' but don't often reach out with an invitation to spend time with him. We doubt we have what it takes to shape others in the ways of Christ, yet you already gave us the Holy Spirit within us. Have mercy on us, O Lord, and lead us to help others know you.

Announcements

Large Print Devotionals are on the table in the hallway.

Planning Seminar presented by Olson Funeral Home is today at 2 pm. Let Pastor Lisa know if you are attending.

Ruth Circle meets Tuesday at 10 am.

Deacons meet Tuesday at 6:30 pm.

N. IL Food Bank volunteer day is this Wednesday from 9-11 am.

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.

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

Youth Group Bowling Night is January 25 from 6:30-8:30 pm. *Cost of bowling, shoe rental and snacks covered by the youth budget when you RSVP by today.* Meet at the church at 6 pm for carpooling, or meet us there. Bring pocket money for extras.

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

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.