



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
January 25, 2026 - 3rd Sunday after Epiphany
10:30 a.m.

Prelude/Welcome/Announcements

*Call to Worship:

When Jesus began his public ministry,
he called many to “Follow Him”

Today we choose to follow too.

We choose to learn from him and his ways.

When Jesus called out to the fishermen,
he told them he would make them “fish for people”.

**All who are disciples are meant to make disciples. The ways of
Christ are for all!**

Let us remember the call of our Savior!

Let us be faithful to the One who prepares us to “go”.

We will rejoice and share the gospel!

We will spread the Word of our Loving God!

*Hymn “To God Be the Glory” #634

Opening Prayer

Prayer of Confession: **Unison Reading**
Forgive us, Lord, when we think we can be faithful to you
part-time. We have become experts at compartmentalizing our
values and responsibilities, so much that our faith can become
something we dust off for Sunday mornings or when we need
comfort in difficult times. Yet you, O Lord, have called us to an
entirely new way of life. Have mercy on us when we don’t seek
your guidance each and every day. Help us repent when we live
without asking what Jesus would do. Guide us to become
people who invite others to be transformed because we are
being transformed in Jesus Christ.

Announcements

Annual Meeting is today after the worship service. We will have a potluck luncheon afterwards.

Youth Group Bowling Night is tonight 6:30-8:30 pm. Meet at the church at 6 pm for carpooling, or meet us at the Cherry Bowl in Rockford. Bring pocket money for extras.

Large Print Devotionals are on the table in the hallway.

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.

Chicks with Sticks knitting group meets Tuesday at 10 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.

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

***First Presbyterian Church of Winnebago:**
Where community, faith, family, and friends come together.*

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings

*Doxology #606

*Prayer of Dedication **Unison prayer**

Loving God, we have heard your call to follow Jesus and we bring these gifts as part of our surrender to your purposes of redemption. Bless these offerings that they may serve to reach many with the message of your good news. 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**

*Hymn "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" (v.1,2) #286

Benediction

***Please stay immediately after worship
for a Congregational Meeting.***

Postlude

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Every member a minister...

Accompanist Karen Niemeier

Liturgist Brent Pollard

Puppeteers The Junior High Sunday School Class

Projectionist Joe Erb

Ushers Ryan Bomgarden, Jim Mitchell

Time of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon:

When we confess our sins, in humility and hope, the Lord takes our burdens and reminds us Christ has already paid the price for all our sin. Friends, believe the Good News! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

*Gloria Patri #581

Passing of the Peace

Puppeteers "The What-If-Wiggles"

Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20; Matthew 4:17-23 pg. 1017; 984
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "Preparing to Fish for People"
Pastor Lisa Lopez-Meyer

Affirmation of Faith: (From the Heidelberg Catechism, 4.083)

What are the keys of the kingdom?

The preaching of the holy gospel and Christian discipline toward repentance. Both of them open the kingdom of heaven to believers and close it to unbelievers.

*Hymn "I Love to Tell the Story" #462