



Once again we are 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

There will be Soup Supper at 5:30 pm at all the locations.

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Welcome to Worship!
First Presbyterian Church
February 22, 2026 - First Sunday in Lent
10:30 a.m.

Prelude/Welcome/Announcements

Introit: "Blessed Jesu"

*Call to Worship:

Praise the name of the Lord who made all things good!

In the beginning God created a world of blessings.

All human needs were provided for.

Praise the name of the Lord who saves us from our sins!

Humanity lost their way,

yet Jesus Christ came to gather us to God once more.

Praise the name of the Lord who never gives up on us!

We've been given the Holy Spirit to guide us

and empower us, to comfort us and make us holy.

Come, let us sing to the glory of our Triune God!

We will rejoice in the goodness of the Lord!

*Hymn "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" #475

Opening Prayer

Prayer of Confession: **Unison Reading**
Forgive us, Lord, when we fall into the oldest sin in the world
without even noticing. The first humans were asked to trust
God about the fruit, and yet when the crafty serpent came
promising something different than God, they set aside the
wisdom of the Creator. We are so easily deceived by voices that
tell us we are missing out, or invite us to gain power in ways
God has not blessed. We excuse lying and boasting and greed
and violence just to feel more in control of the chaos of life.

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Announcements

Spring Devotionals are available on the table in the hallway.

Lent for Teens: Join us this evening as we embrace the Lenten season with some reflection about our life with God and fellowship time with others 6:30 pm, Youth Room.

Chicks with Sticks knitting group meets Tuesday at 10 am.

Chancel Choir practices on Wednesday at 6:30 pm.

Lenten Reading: Dive into the book of Psalms reading 4 psalms a day through Lent.

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: January Income -Expenses: -\$2908.07

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

*Hymn "Be Thou My Vision" #450

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings

*Doxology #606

*Prayer of Dedication **Unison prayer**

God of all Creation, receive all our imperfect gifts, even our imperfect obedience, and use them all for your saving purposes through the power of Jesus 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**

*Hymn "May the Lord, Mighty God"

May the Lord Mighty God bless and keep you forever.
Give you peace, perfect peace; strength in every endeavor.
Lift up your eyes and behold His Grace and His strength forever.
May the Lord Mighty God bless and keep you forever.

Benediction

Postlude

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Every member a minister...

Accompanist Karen Niemeier
Choir Director Sharon Smith
Liturgist David Smith
Projectionist Joe Erb
Ushers Ryan Bomgarden, Jim Mitchell

We reach for the forbidden fruits God has told us to stay away from, and suffer the consequences of our own choices. Forgive us, Lord, for not listening to you deeply. Have mercy on us when we don't trust you with all aspects of our lives.

Time of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: (from Hebrews 9:14)
The blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanses our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God! Friends, believe the Good News! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God!**

*Gloria Patri #581

Passing of the Peace

Anthem: "I Carry You in My Heart"

Puppeteers "CWS Blankets"

Scripture: Genesis 3:1-24 pg. 3
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "Consequences of the Fall"
Pastor Lisa Lopez-Meyer

Affirmation of Faith: from the Second Helvetic Confession, 5.036
In the beginning, man was made according to the image of God, in righteousness and true holiness, good and upright. But when at the instigation of the serpent and by his own fault he abandoned goodness and righteousness, he became subject to sin, death and various calamities. And what he became by the fall, that is, subject to sin, death and various calamities, so are all those who have descended from him.