



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

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

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Welcome to Worship!
First Presbyterian Church
February 8, 2026 - 5th Sunday after Epiphany
10:30 a.m.

Prelude/Welcome/Announcements

***Call to Worship:**

From ancient times the Lord has told us
the kind of worship that is true.

It is not simply prayers and readings and songs.

It is not rituals that mean little for our lives.

“This is the fast I choose”, says the Lord,

“To lose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke”

It is to set the oppressed free,

and break the tools of oppression.

The Lord sent us to share our food with the hungry

and provide the poor with shelter.

**To clothe those in need of clothing,
to leave indifference behind.**

Then our light will break forth like the dawn,

and the glory of the Lord will be near.

Come, people of God, let us worship with our whole lives!

*Hymn “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!” #1

Opening Prayer

Prayer of Confession:

Unison Reading

**Forgive us, Lord, when we forget our calling to be people who
make a real difference in the world. We are meant to be people
of blessing, of goodness, of hope, yet so often we are content to
hide from others and simply get by. We know the world needs
hope and healing, but we wait for someone else, anyone, to do
something instead of taking initiative ourselves. We let our
doubts and insecurities hold us back from doing good works
that we are more than able to do. (Continued)**

Announcements

Fellowship today will follow the worship service and is hosted by the Scouts.

Year-end giving statements are on the table in the narthex.

Pastor Lisa will be out of the office Monday and Tuesday for continuing education.

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.

Trustees meet on Tuesday at 5 pm.

Newsletter items are due by Wednesday.

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.

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

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

that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

*Hymn "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples" (v.1,3,4) #757

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings

*Doxology #606

*Prayer of Dedication **Unison prayer**

Holy God, as we bring these gifts to you, let them be put to work to show mercy to those who need mercy, and to act justly toward all our neighbors. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Prayers of the People

Joys & Concerns, Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn "Trust In God" #848

Benediction
Postlude

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Every member a minister...

Accompanist	Christie Schweitz
Children's Choir Director	Kasey Smith
Liturgist /Reader	Matthew Bomgarden, Taggart Freimuth
Projectionist	Joe Erb
Ushers	Jim Mitchell and Norm Dean

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

Have mercy on us, Lord, and strengthen us to be salt and light as Christ said.

Time of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Jesus taught us that there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents. When we confess our sin and turn back towards God, the Lord reminds us the price for our sins has been paid. Friends, believe the Good News! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God!**

*Gloria Patri #581

Passing of the Peace

Children's Choir

Scout Sunday Presentation

Scripture: Isaiah 58:1-12; Matthew 5:13-20 pg. 761; 984
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "Staying Salty"
Pastor Lisa Lopez-Meyer

Affirmation of Faith: (From the Confession of Belhar, 10.5)
We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peace-maker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells;

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