



Holy Week

Palm Sunday - Sunday, March 29

10:30 am: Joyful Worship with Palms

Maundy Thursday - Thursday, April 2

5:30 pm: Soup Supper

6:30 pm: Foot Washing & Communion Worship Service

Good Friday - Friday, April 3

3:00 pm: "Journey to the Cross" Worship Service

Easter Sunday - Sunday, April 5

7:00 am: SonRise Service (led by Sr HS School Class)

8-10:15 am: Donuts and Coffee Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

10:30 am: Traditional Service with Chancel Choir

All Easter Services will have Communion.

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

Prelude/Welcome/Announcements

*Call to Worship: (from Psalm 91)

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

**I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust.”**

God will cover you with his feathers,
and you will find refuge under his wings.

**You will not fear the terror of night,
nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence
that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys.**

Come, people of God, trust in the faithfulness of the Lord!

God will answer us when we call!

We will know life and salvation!

*Hymn “Brethren We Have Met to Worship” (v.1,2) #396

Opening Prayer

Prayer of Confession: **Unison Reading**
**We confess to you, O Lord, that we find it very difficult to live
with the normal uncertainty of human life. We want to know
what will happen and when. We want to be in full control over
all our circumstances. We struggle with the open-ended nature
of our own existence, and allow our own doubts and fears to
hold us back from surrendering to your plans for us. Forgive
us, O Lord, when we make certainty into an idol instead of
trusting you with all our heart.**

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Announcements

Youth Group meets this evening from 6:30-8 pm. Praying the Psalms. Come for light supper, sharing about our lives, and learning more about the Psalms and how to use them in our own lives of prayer.

Large Print Spring devotionals are available on the table in the hallway.

2026 Directories are on the table in the hall, one per family please.

Chicks with Sticks knitting group meets Tuesday at 10 am.

Community Lenten Service on Wednesday at 6:30 pm at Seward Congregational Church. Soup Supper at 5:30 pm

Chancel Choir practices on Wednesday at 7 pm.

Youth Group Sunday, March 29, Palm Sunday. Worship with Dimensions Living Winnebago residents. Meet at 1:50 pm at Dimensions Living Winnebago (500 E McNair Rd) to hand out palms and greet residents before a quick worship service, 2-3 pm.

Workcamp shares Forms for shares are on the bulletin board.

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: February income = \$20,018.
February expenses = \$17,936.34. Gain = \$2,082.52

*Hymn “My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout” (v.1,2,4) #100

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings

*Doxology #606

*Prayer of Dedication **Unison prayer**

Merciful God, we surrender these gifts to you knowing that in your hands they will do more than in our own. Work with power through these gifts so that many will find your comfort and grace. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.

Joys & Concerns, Pastoral Prayer & **The Lord's Prayer**

*Hymn “What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine” #837

Benediction

Postlude

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Every member a minister...

Accompanist Karen Niemeier
Liturgist/Reader Brent Thompson, Thea Mitchell
Projectionist Joe Erb
Ushers Ryan Bomgarden, Jim Mitchell

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

Have mercy on us when our anxious minds want answers that are not for us to know. Help us to find our peace in your promises and comfort in the gifts you have already given to us.

Time of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: (from Romans 8)

Beloved of God, as the Scripture says, if God is for us, who can be against us? For God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Friends, believe the Good News! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

*Gloria Patri #581

Passing of the Peace

Puppeteers “Getting Ready for Lent”

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 4:1-12; Romans 8:18-21, 26-27, 31-39
pg. 685; 1152

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon: “Living with the Unknown”
Pastor Lisa Lopez-Meyer

Affirmation of Faith: (A Brief Statement of Faith, 11.1 & 11.5)
In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.