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Welcome to Worship!
First Presbyterian Church
April 12, 2026 - Second Sunday of Easter
10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

*Call to Worship:

You who have touched the wounds of the world,
Jesus Christ, Our Lord and our God,
we have not seen you, Risen One.
but we believe you are our Lord and our God.
You are our refuge in hurt and pain.
You are our Lord and our God! Alleluia!

*Hymn “Fairest Lord Jesus” #630

Opening Prayer

Prayer of Confession: **Unison Reading**
Jesus Christ, our Brother, our Savior, sometimes we are bold
and sure that you are the Living One who defeated death and
destruction for us all. Sometimes we wonder at the ancient
stories of your resurrection, and we are not so sure that things
happened the way stories tell them. Amid our doubts, bless us
with your peace. Bless us with the joy and assurance of your
presence, wherever we are in our journey of faith. In your
compassionate name, we pray. Amen.

Time of Silent Confession

Announcements

Youth Group meets tonight from 6:30-8 pm for Game Night!
Come for a fun time of sharing and fellowship. Light supper
provided.

Session meets Monday at 6:30 pm.

Chicks with Sticks knitting group meets Tuesday at 10 am.

Trustees meet Tuesday at 5 pm.

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

Chancel Choir practices on Wednesday at 6:30 pm.

Workcamp shares Forms for shares are on the bulletin board.

Your response is needed please We are considering some changes
in how we approach newsletter distribution. If you would like to
receive the newsletter **in electronic format only, via email**, email
the office to communicate this preference. If you would prefer
receiving the newsletter **in paper format via mail, as**
usual, please call the office to communicate this preference.

Per Capita for 2026 is \$45 per person.

Sign-up sheets for flowers is on the bulletin board, one week's
notice is needed for flower orders, see Stefanie Kluck.

Stewardship Update: March income = \$15,534.65
March expenses = \$14,985.81 Gain = \$548.84.

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings

*Doxology #606

*Prayer of Dedication **Unison prayer**

Jesus our Protector and Savior, we thank you for every gift you have given us. May these gifts reach out to our world, that others may know your joy, your caring, your deep understanding of despair and your Life that defeats death. Amen.

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

*Hymn "Let All Things Now Living" #37

Benediction

Postlude

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Every member a minister...

Accompanist	Christie Schweitz
Children's Choir Director	Kasey Smith
Projectionist	Joe Erb
Ushers	Jim Mitchell and Norm Dean

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

Assurance of Pardon:

"Peace be with you!" Jesus said to his disciples, both those who saw and believed *and* the one who questioned. Today Jesus Christ also bestows his peace and presence upon us. 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

Scripture: John 21:1-23 pg 1107
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "The Only Question"
Reverend Norm Shirk

Affirmation of Faith:

Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God, you have touched the wounds of the world, and have been wounded by the world. We claim your living power in our lives and for the sake of the world. Like you, may we touch the wounds of those who suffer in body, mind, and spirit, that your triumph over death may become the path of life for them. Remembering the marks of the nails and the piercing of the sword, we pray that this part of your story may heal us, even as it wounded you. We rejoice that you prevailed over the powers of sin, death, and destruction. Alleluia! Amen.

*Hymn "Loving Spirit" #293