



Spring Cleaning?

Our Workcamp crew is looking for donations of clean, useable items for our annual rummage sale.

WE CANNOT ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING DUE TO SAFE DISPOSAL CONCERNS AND DISPOSAL FEES:

Computers or any computer equipment, electronics, televisions, pianos or organs.

Items may be dropped off May 31 - June 3
(noon deadline so we can get everything set up).

Sale will be held June 4 - 5 from 8:30 am - 5 pm each day.

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Welcome to Worship!
First Presbyterian Church
April 26, 2026 - Fourth Sunday of Easter
10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

*Call to Worship: (from Psalm 36)

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens!

Your faithfulness to the skies!

Your righteousness is like the highest mountains!

Your justice like the great deep!

How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!

People take refuge in the shadow of your wings!

For with you is the fountain of life!

In your light we see light!

*Hymn “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee” (v.1,2,3,5) #629

Opening Prayer

Prayer of Confession:

Unison Reading

Holy God, we confess that we have not practiced the faithfulness that comes from you. Our words can be fickle. We make promises lightly, and are quick to try to get out of commitments we have already made. We ask people to trust us with their time, their presence, their friendship, their love, yet we break their trust when circumstances become more challenging than we hoped. We need to learn to be faithful as you are faithful, O Lord. Help us live as trustworthy people every day.

Time of Silent Confession

Announcements

Youth Group tonight from 6:30-8 pm. Join us for:

“Love Life Tips from Jesus” Light supper and conversation about some things Jesus said to help us as we think about dating, relationships or living as a single person.

Chicks with Sticks knitting group meets Tuesday at 10 am.

Chancel Choir practices on Wednesday at 6:30 pm.

Grad info Do you have a family member graduating high school or college? If you would like them mentioned in the May 17th bulletin, please have their information to the office by **May 11.**

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.

*Hymn "Amazing Grace" #649

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings

*Doxology #606

*Prayer of Dedication **Unison prayer**

Loving God, we give these gifts with love, in praise of your goodness and mercy. Glorify yourself through them. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.

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

*Hymn "Let the Whole Creation Cry" #679

Benediction

Postlude

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Every member a minister...

Accompanist Karen Niemeier
Liturgist/Reader Jim Morrison, Joni Benning
Projectionist Joe Erb
Ushers Ryan Bomgarden, Jim Mitchell

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

Assurance of Pardon:

The mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. The grace of God is stronger than 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

Sunday School Recognition
Celebrating our Students and Teachers

Scripture: Genesis 1:26-28; Genesis 2:15-24; Matthew 19:1-12
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This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "Practicing Faithfulness"
Pastor Lisa Lopez-Meyer

Affirmation of Faith: (from the Second Helvetic Confession, 5.245,7)

Those who have the gift of celibacy from heaven...let them serve the Lord in that calling, in simplicity and humility. Marriages are to be lawfully contracted in the fear of the Lord...let them be kept holy with the utmost faithfulness, piety, love and purity of those joined together. Therefore let them guard against quarrels, dissensions, lust and adultery.