

Welcome to Worship!
First Presbyterian Church
April 5, 2026 - Easter Sunday
10:30 am.

Every member a minister...

Prelude & Welcome: Christ is Risen! **He is Risen Indeed!**

Announcements

Introit: "Glorious Morning"

*Call to Worship:

When the women went to the tomb,
they found the stone that sealed the grave already rolled away.

**God had sent an angel down before them,
luminous as lightning, with clothes white as snow.**

The angel spoke great and mysterious news:
"He is not here, he is risen! Just as he had said"

**The women saw the tomb was empty
and were promised they would see their Lord.**

Today we are called again to rejoice in the sacred mystery:

Christ died, but did not stay dead.

Our Savior triumphed over the grave!

Come, people of God, sing of the wonders of resurrection!

We will praise the power of God! We will shout with holy joy!

*Hymn "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" (v.1,2,4) #232

Opening Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Unison Reading

**Forgive us, Lord, for living as if Jesus were still in the grave.
When the evil of this world feels overwhelming, we forget that
there was life beyond Christ's suffering. When our
circumstances seem impossible, we forget to trust your great
power to save what seems already lost.**

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Accompanist/Choir Director

Sharon Smith

Liturgist /Reader

Frank Finch, Katelyn Hergert

Projectionist

Joe Erb

Communion Servers

Ryan Bomgarden, Matthew Bomgarden

Greg Rittmeyer

Ushers

Bruce Benning, Greg Rittmeyer

Announcements

Pastor Lisa is on vacation this week. Calls to the pastoral cell will be taken by a Session member.

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.

*Prayer of Dedication
Unison prayer
God of Life, we cannot thank you enough for the hope you have given us through the resurrection of Christ. Receive these gifts as signs of our faith and gratitude. May all of these offerings be used in a way that brings us and others into being a true community of hope in the Risen Savior. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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

THE LORD'S SUPPER

(All Christians welcome-you don't have to be Presbyterian)
(Gluten Free option available)

Invitation

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Great Thanksgiving

Breaking of the Bread

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn "Christ Is Alive!" (v.1,2,4,5) #246

Benediction

Postlude

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

When death comes too close, we fear it as if it were a tragic and inevitable end. It's about time we learn that your faithfulness will surprise us. It's about time we call on the Savior to save us instead of giving in to despair. Help us, O Lord, live in the hope of resurrection. Help us believe that you will make all things new.

Time of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon:

The empty tomb declares the great power of God to do what seems impossible for humans. When Jesus defeated the grave, he assured us of God's extraordinary power to free us from our past and lead us into everlasting life. Friends, believe the Good News! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

*Gloria Patri #581

Passing of the Peace

Anthem: "Easter Bells Are Ringing"

Scripture: Hebrews 11:1-12; Matthew 28:1-10 pg. 1224; 1016
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Time with Children

Sermon: "Resurrection Possibilities"
Pastor Lisa Lopez-Meyer

The Apostles' Creed pg. 35

*Hymn "Alleluia, Alleluia Give Thanks" #240

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings

*Doxology #606