



We will be collecting school supplies for the school district  
as our outreach project through the month of July.

**School Supplies needed:**

Ticonderoga or any quality #2 pencil  
2 pocket folders  
colored pencils  
Glue sticks  
8 washable markers  
black dry erase markers  
Kleenex

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**Welcome to Worship!**  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
**July 19, 2026 - Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**9:30 a.m.**

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Prelude/Welcome/Announcements

**\*Call to Worship:** **Responsive Reading**  
God knows us better than we know ourselves.  
**Even in the darkest places, the light of God's love is there.**  
There is nowhere we can flee from God's presence.  
**In the heavens and in the depths, the Holy One abides with us.**  
We are God's children, serving the Lord  
from generation to generation.  
**God is the one who keeps promises**  
**and who provides for us wherever we go.**  
How awesome is this place!  
**This is God's house and the gateway to the heavens.**

\*Hymn                      "There Is a Redeemer"                      #443

Opening Prayer

Prayer of Confession: **Unison Reading**  
**Abba God, as our heavenly parent, you have given us your**  
**words of direction to teach us how to live by eternal truths.**  
**Still, we struggle with the desires that keep us from living into**  
**our most abundant lives. We ache for the breath of your**  
**compassion to restore us to spiritual health. Assist us to live in**  
**freedom instead of fear. Fill our minds with compassion, that**  
**we may care for the world around us. Help us to deal with**  
**distrust, greed, anger, lust, isolation, jealousy, and egoism that**  
**manifest as abuses and the denigration of others. May we be**  
**strengthened as your children and shine like the sun. Amen.**

**Announcements**

**Pastoral cellphone** Calls and messages to the pastoral cellphone will be taken by Norm Dean July 20-August 2.

**PW/Ruth Circle** will meet at 11:30 am on Tuesday at Culver's in Winnebago for lunch. Join us if you are able!

**Deacons** meet Tuesday at 6:30 pm.

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

**Preaching next Sunday** Pastor Norm Shirk.

**Per Capita** for 2026 is \$45 per person.

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

**Stewardship Update:** June income = \$26,382.23  
June expenses = \$12,962.89    Difference = \$13,419.34

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

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings

\*Doxology #606

\*Prayer of Dedication **Unison prayer**

**Holy Harvester, you have been planting seeds of blessing and provision for thousands of years. In gratitude for all You have done, we give thanks and praise. We pray for your direction and protection that all we contribute may bring forth your fruitful bounty. Amen.**

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

\*Hymn “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” #286

Benediction

Postlude

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*Every member a minister...*

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|---------------|-----------------------------|
| Accompanist   | Sharon Smith                |
| Liturgist     | Stephanie Kluck             |
| Projectionist | Joe Erb                     |
| Ushers        | Frank Finch, Craig Spickler |

Time of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon:

God searches and knows you, he is familiar in all your ways. God loves you as a precious child, making you co-heirs of glory and the multi-generational promises that free us from frustration and fill us with hope. Friends, believe the Good News! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

\*Gloria Patri #581

Passing of the Peace

Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-3 pg. 1226  
This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: “What Are You Looking At?”  
Reverend Norm Shirk

Affirmation of Faith

**May the seed of your goodness and grace grow mightily through our lives. May the Planter fulfill through our prayerful service the ripe harvest of the light of divine love. Striving toward the Son, we commit the fruitful wheat of our discipleship to you.**

\*Hymn “Will You Come and Follow Me? (v.1,2,3,5) #726