

Do you have a loved one you want to honor this year
with an angel ornament?
Memory Angels are coming soon!

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for more details

Welcome to Worship!
First Presbyterian Church
October 25, 2026 - 22nd Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 a.m.

Prelude/Welcome/Announcements

*Call to Worship:
Come people of God, let us praise the name of the Holy One!
For the Lord is good and faithful, gracious and just!
God who Made us is the One who loved us first.
The Lord is worthy to be loved with all our heart, mind, soul and strength!
Loving our God is also loving our neighbors.
Our God leads us into community and care!
Come, people of God, let us rejoice in our Creator!
All glory be to the Holy Triune God!

*Hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (v.1-3) #366

Opening Prayer

Prayer of Confession: **Unison Reading**
Forgive us, Lord, for we have heard what you ask of us many times, yet we still choose to focus on the wrong things. You have called us to love you with all we are, and yet we want to find out if there's a minimum of faithfulness we can meet. You have called us to love our neighbors and yet we spend more time arguing about tiny theological details than trying to love people genuinely and profoundly. We have lost our way, and need to get back to you. Have mercy on us, O Lord, and help us get our priorities right.

Time of Silent Confession

Announcements

Youth Group meets tonight for Blessing Night. Come to remember some of God's blessings for us and to be inspired to be a blessing to others. Light supper provided. Youth Room, 6:30-8 pm

Chicks with Sticks knitting group meets Tuesday at 10 am.

Chancel Choir meets on Wednesday at 6:30 pm.

Fall Bible Study What do we mean when we say we are "called" to do something? What can we learn about calling from the stories of our spiritual ancestors? Join us this Thursday at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall for our final lesson.

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

Per Capita for 2026 is $45 per person.

Stewardship Update: September income = $14,007.63
September expenses = $15,985.29 Difference = $-1,977.66

We are seeking a new church secretary (Happy Retirement Betsy!) See job posting at thewfpc.org and spread the word!

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Presentation of Gifts and Offerings
*Doxology #606
*Prayer of Dedication **Unison prayer**
Gracious God, receive these gifts with our thanksgiving, to celebrate your generosity and extend grace to many through the work of the church. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

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

*Hymn "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" (v.1-2) #377

Benediction

Postlude

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Every member a minister...

Accompanist	Karen Niemeier
Puppeteers	The Junior High Sunday School Class
Piano/Organ Duet	Sharon Smith, Karen Niemeier
Liturgist/Reader	Audra Smith, Staci Thompson
Projectionist	Gavin Early
Ushers	Ryan Bomgarden, Jim Mitchell

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

Assurance of Pardon: (From 1 John 1:9)
Beloved of God, if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. Friends, believe the Good News! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven**!**
Thanks be to God.

*Gloria Patri #581

Passing of the Peace

Piano/Organ Duet. "I Love to Tell the Story"

Puppeteers

Scripture: Amos 5:18-24; Matthew 22:34-46 pg. 939; 1007
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "Godly Priorities"
Pastor Lisa Lopez-Meyer

Affirmation of Faith: (From The Confession of Belhar, 10.7)
We believe that God has revealed God's self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged; that God calls the church to follow God in this, for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry; that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek what is right.

*Hymn "Seek Ye First" #175