

THE *Bridge*

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8:30 AM

SUNDAY SERVICE

Service is streamed live on Facebook. A recording of the stream will be made available on YouTube following the service.

9:30 AM

COFFEE HOUR

Coffee Hour and Fellowship will be held in the Fellowship Hall immediately following service. Join us for coffee, snacks, and conversation.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In the Gospel of Luke, there is a definitive moment when Jesus' ministry in Galilee comes to an end and he sets his face toward Jerusalem. During the season of Lent, we do the same over the course of forty days, setting our own faces toward that same holy city and the skull-shaped hill that stands just beyond her gates. Along with his earliest disciples, we follow Jesus, and we witness to his ongoing work and to the events of his last week of earthly life: the joyful shouts of praise that heralded his arrival in Jerusalem, the last meal of bread and wine shared, the kiss that culminated in betrayal and arrest, the humiliation and brutality of the cross, and ultimately the empty tomb revealed in the early morning light of the garden.

In our fast-paced, technology-based world, however, a forty-day journey can feel like a lifetime. For many of us, we would much prefer to run than walk down the dusty paths that Jesus trod, to bypass the ugliness, the pain, and the suffering and get to the good news revealed to the women as quickly as possible. Perhaps that is why church pews are so spacious on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday but completely filled on Easter Sunday.

And yet, my friends, I would caution all of us from being too hurried as we make this journey. The truth is the journey of faith is most faithfully made when we embrace each part in its time. We need the season of Lent and that solemn call to return to God with fasting, prayer, and almsgiving because we can so easily turn and go our own way. We need to bury our alleluias (whether literally- or metaphorically-speaking) because it makes their return on Easter morning all the more joyous. We need to behold the suffering servant lifted high up on the cross because it reveals the lengths that our God will go to redeem the world and us.

Friends, there will be ample time to celebrate Easter. Indeed, we have seven Sundays that will be devoted to singing our alleluias and proclaiming, "The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed!" And so, I challenge you to take the seasons in stride. Walk the road to Jerusalem with Jesus slowly. Take in the sights and sounds and smells. Resist the desire for instant gratification, and be uncomfortable. Experience the fullness of the life and journey of faith with us.

In Christ's Service – Rev. Emily

"When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem."
– Luke 9:51



March

Reverend Emily's office hours are every Monday and Tuesday from 9:30am - 3:30 pm

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30 am - Worship with communion	2	3 12:00 pm - Sack Lunch & Sacred Stories Bible Study	4 6:45 pm - Choir Rehearsal	5	6	7
8 8:30 am - Worship 9:30 am - Fellowship Daylight Savings	9	10 12:00 pm - Sack Lunch & Sacred Stories Bible Study 1:15 pm - Deacons Meeting	11 6:45 pm - Choir Rehearsal	12	13	14
15 8:30 am - Worship Last Day of Help for the Homeless Drive	16	17 12:00 pm - Sack Lunch & Sacred Stories Bible Study 6:15 pm - Session Meeting	18 6:45 pm - Choir Rehearsal	19	20	21
22 8:30 am - Worship (no choir)	23	24 12:00 pm - Sack Lunch & Sacred Stories Bible Study	25 6:45 pm - Choir Rehearsal	26	27	28 10 am - 2 pm Thrift and Gift
29 8:30 am - Worship 9:30 am - Fellowship hosted by Choir Fellowship Hall used by Bible Baptist in PM	30	31				



RULING ELDERS

BOB DINSE
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PERSONNEL

JASON HARMON
BUILDING GROUNDS AND
INFRASTRUCTURE

JESSICA HARRSION
WORSHIP & MUSIC
FAITH FORMATION

KRISTINA MOSLEY
WORSHIP & MUSIC
MISSION AND OUTREACH

ROBERT MOSLEY
MISSION AND OUTREACH

MARILYN PAULSON
MEMBER CARE LIAISON

CLERK OF SESSION
JACK WIRCH

MEMBER CARE/DEACONS

KAREN ANGELL
PEGGY BALFANZ
SANDRA BUSER
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SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The Session met on February 23rd.

- Rev. Emily led a discussion with session members on the 10 Things Ruling Elders Should Know, written by Alyson Janke.
- Followed up on Boundary Training for new session members.
- Plans for the February 25th dinner and presentation by Winnebago County Sheriff's Office were finalized. Presentation is entitled: Wise as Serpents: Navigating the Digital World and Fraud Prevention.
- Discussed timing of annual financial review and desired format of information.

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"Wise as Serpents"

The Session, along with some faithful helpers, hosted a very successful event on 02/25/2026. There were 40 people in attendance which included a strong showing from Winneconne Christian Fellowship and representation from 2 other churches. A meal was provided and Detective Schroeder and Detective Megna from the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office offered an engaging presentation to raise awareness on digital scams and fraud. If you were unable to attend, please be on the lookout for some written materials they left for us; you can find them in the lobby.

This event checked several boxes for our congregation; fellowship, community outreach and a meaningful response to the persistent scam attempts targeting faith communities.

We look forward to similar events during 2026. Stay tuned!

~Nichole

Salutations to our church family.

In preparing to write a message from your Deacons to our faith community it useful to consider our Lenten Journey as a guide. During this season in the church we are asked to follow the Gospel of Matthew as he reminds us that we belong to God's story, and wants us to think about where we are in this season. With God's grace we will travel the path in grace and love.

What does this mean for us in our everyday lives? Traditionally this time of Lent, this period of waiting for the glory of the resurrection, meant Christians should sacrifice or give up something meaningful, we were encouraged to change an old pattern or habit, we could reset our ordinary ways of acting and doing. Today we have many choices as we follow our 2026 Lenten Devotional, by Teri McDowell Ott, which makes it clear how to move through the weeks ahead.

I'm drawn to each day's "reflection" where we are asked to simply think about various aspects of this time of waiting, wondering, and trying to arrive at a perspective that will help each us, individually and as a church family, go forward. It is helpful to have a place to begin each day. Some of us have developed habits of a daily meditation to set us on our daily path, and I've always admired people who could stick to that plan. It provides peace and balance to start with a meaningful thought or plan for the day. During certain times of our lives this can be helpful and even instructive. That is where our devotional can make this happen for all of us.

A few examples:

Reflect on how "God is with us" can affect our understanding of our current circumstances.

Reflect on what "finding roots, welcoming the unexpected, noticing God's work" means to you.

Reflect on "where or when you feel tempted to take control rather than trust God".

Reflect on Jesus' call to "let go - of nets, of expectations, even of our own plans" on any day.

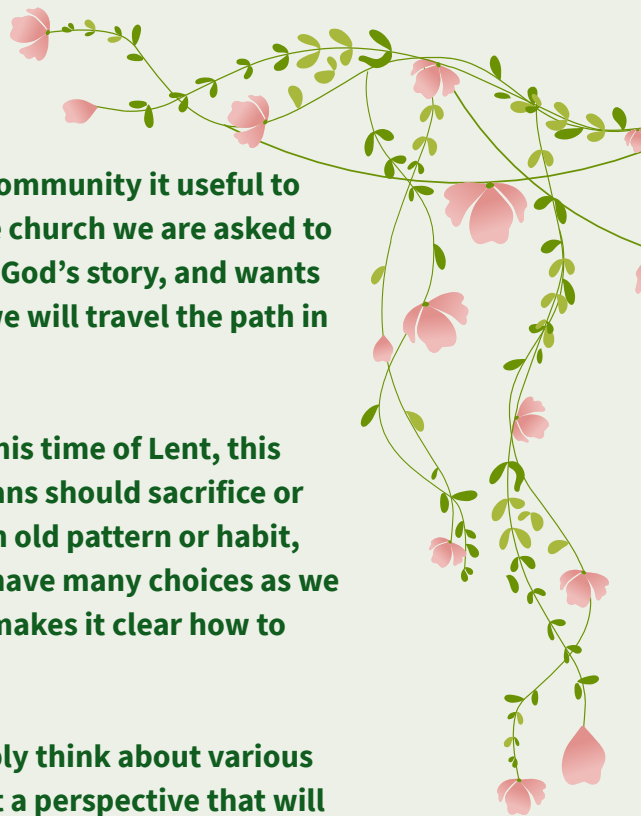
Reflect on "what feels hopeful, what feels challenging" and consider why that is.

Reflect on what it means to be "the salt of the earth" and how you can add more salt or light.

Wherever you find yourself along this Lenten Journey, I invite you to pick up the devotional packet or read it in the online version. You can consider keeping a little journal along the way and write down some of the thoughts you have as you reflect on the topics of each day's meditation.

You will have a wealth of ideas to refer to at future times in your faith journey.

(submitted by Annie Leonard, Deacon)



Mission and Outreach

Thank you for all your contributions on Souper Bowl Sunday. This February, our congregation raised \$316 for Winneconne Area Assistance Center. Beginning in 2026, there will only be three Churchwide Special Offerings:

Offering Seasons for 2026



One Great Hour of Sharing | Season of Lent

Received during the season of Lent, especially Palm Sunday or Easter
Causes supported: disaster, hunger, poverty, climate change, immigration, migration and refugees



World Communion Offering | Season of Preparation

Received during the Season of Preparation, especially World Communion Sunday
Causes supported: racial justice, gender justice, peacemaking, global witness, ecumenical and interfaith relations



Christmas Joy Offering | Season of Advent and Christmas

Received during the season of Advent, especially the Sunday before Christmas
Causes supported: children-at-risk, youth and young adults, leadership development for people of color, Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color, servants of the Church in need through the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions.

We are asking for your support of the One Great Hour of Sharing during our season of Lent. Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The work done in support of the causes supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) — disaster, hunger, poverty, climate change, and immigration/migration and refugees — serves individuals and communities in need. This work provides people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!

Kristina and Robbie Mosley



Visit our website often to get access to past sermons, musical selections from the Harmons, and stay up to date with our church calendar. Click the button below to be taken to our website. Click the "Online Giving" button to be automatically directed to the Online Giving page.

[FPC WEBSITE](#)

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If you don't want to worship in person, please join us in live worship every Sunday, streamed from our Facebook page at 9:00am. FPC of Winneconne regularly posts pictures, videos, church information, and events on our page. Please "like" our Facebook page for updates.

[FPC FACEBOOK](#)



YouTube gives you access to all of the videos we have produced. Here you can find past worship services and musical selections from the Harmons. Missed our live Sunday Service? Recordings are posted for viewing following the service on our YouTube Channel.

[FPC YOUTUBE](#)



Various church-related meetings, special gatherings, and Bible Study will be held via Zoom. Links will be provided in our weekly email as scheduled.