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into a growing life with  
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# Our Mission: Inviting all generations into a growing life with Jesus Christ

## **Our values characterize everything we do:**

**Abundant Compassion:** We are moved to express deep love for others modeled by Jesus' ministry.

*When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. Matthew 14:14*

**Intentional Growth:** We are focused on growing our relationship with Jesus Christ and seeking a greater understanding of God's Kingdom.

*Don't be conformed to the patterns of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds so that you can figure out what God's will is—what is good and pleasing and mature. Romans 12:2*

**Joyful Generosity:** We are willing to give of ourselves knowing every gift comes from God.

*Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. James 1:17*

**Devoted Community:** We are committed to sharing life and ministry together.

*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Acts 2:42*



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## Worship Services

### **Sunday Morning Worship Services**

**8:30 and 11:00 a.m.**

Childcare is available throughout the morning.

### **Sunday School and Adult Education**

9:45 to 10:45 a.m. in various rooms throughout the church.

## Education Programs

**Adult Education** - Adult education offerings are held between services each week throughout the year.

**Sunday School** - Classes are held for 2-year olds through high school youth between services throughout the year.

**LOGOS** - Mid-week ministry from October-March that includes Bible study, faith building activities, sharing a meal and fellowship time for grades K-8.

**First Presbyterian Preschool and Pre-K** - Preschool for ages 2 ½, 3 and 4, and Pre-K

**Westminster Fellowship (WF)** - Grades 9-12, meet on Sunday evenings; small groups on Wednesday evenings

**Vacation Bible School** - A special week in the summer to explore God's love and word together with program options for 4-year olds - 8th grade.

## Mission Outreach

“Inviting all generations into a growing life with Jesus Christ” is the mission of our church. Our Mission Outreach Committee strives to fulfill this vision with our ministry as we reach out to our sisters and brothers in our community and world as we are committed to being the hands and feet of Christ in our world.

We believe that all persons are of equal value to God. We seek appropriate ways for our congregation to witness to God's love through service to people who may need assistance. We have a long tradition of sharing our time and talents in ways that witness to God's love.

We strive to recognize our interconnection to brothers and sisters in Christ from around the world. We work to understand the world through outreach and education. We work for justice, peace, humanitarian relief and reconciliation as God calls us to do.

The Mission Committee seeks to witness to the values of our church in all we do. Our values call for us to show **Abundant Compassion**; **Intentional Growth** as we serve as Christ's hand and feet; **Joyful Generosity** as we open our hearts and hands in service; and serve as a **Devoted Community** as we work together in service.

# Member Care

**Stephen Ministry** - This caring ministry reaches out to those in need in witness to the love of Christ in our midst.

Everyone goes through difficult times. Having someone to care, to listen and to share God's love with you can help you get through the confusion, stress or loneliness you may be experiencing.

- If life seems like more than you can handle alone right now
- If your health, your spirit, or your relationships are suffering
- If you are adjusting to a job transition, change in marital status, a serious illness, the death of a loved one, or a recent move

Might you, or a church friend benefit from having someone in your life who will listen objectively and care deeply?

Pastor Kyle or the Stephen Minister Leaders would be happy to talk with you about assigning a Stephen Minister to meet with you or a church member you know. All inquiries are STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

**Caritas Team Ministry** - This ministry reaches out to members through volunteers who work together to provide practical, emotional, and spiritual support to individuals and families with health concerns or other special needs.

**What does a Caritas Team do?** - A team's activities may include providing meals during a family crisis, running errands, or arranging social outings. They also visit, make phone calls, or provide a break for caregivers. Team members simply do what they enjoy doing for others, when they are able, in an organized way with a built-in support system.

**Caritas Visiting Team** - If you have an interest or gift in working with seniors, we would love to tell you more about the Caritas Visiting Team. We have many church members who have requested a visitor to chat with them, do a puzzle, read a book, listen to music, or look through old photo books.

**Caritas Meal Team** - Our Caritas Meal Team is looking for people who enjoy cooking, delivering meals or coordinating a meal team to sign up for a month (or months if you choose) to be on call when a church member needs a meal. The need for sharing meals is immediate, so please let us know if you can help.

**Caritas Team Ministry** - Caritas Care Team Ministry at First Pres is helping folks who have had changes in their lives and need a little extra help with going out to lunch, preparing a meal, holding an infant, taking a walk, reading a book out loud, making a phone call, tending a garden, or having a nice chat. There are a variety of ways to serve.

## Children's Ministry

Children's Ministry provides children and their family's opportunities for Christian nurture through worship, education and fellowship. Children learn about God's love for them and how to share that love with others.

**Worship:** Jesus welcomed children and we believe that the body of Christ in worship is incomplete without them. People of all ages grow in Christ through worship. During the sermon children are invited to Children's Worship to hear an age appropriate message and "share the Word." Special worship bags are available for use during the service.

**Sunday School:** Classes for 2-year olds through 5th grade are led by volunteers who share God's love with the children using Bible stories, scripture and fun activities that help them grow their faith.

**LOGOS:** An exciting midweek program for K-8th grade students that includes Bible study, sharing a meal, fellowship and recreation. LOGOS meets on Wednesdays from October through March.

**Vacation Bible School:** A special week in the summer to explore God's love and Word together filled with lots of energy and fun.

**Childcare:** Childcare is provided on Sunday mornings offering a safe and caring place for infants thru 4-year olds.

**Children's Ministry Team:** The team plans and provides oversight for the various educational and fellowship programs offered for children and their families.

## Genesis-Middle School Ministry

Our Middle School program, Genesis, is designed to continue the Christian foundation formed in the elementary grades, further the youth's love of God and the church and to cross the bridge into the fellowship of our High School youth program, WF. We bring middle school youth and their parents together in a fun, loving, Christian environment.

**Sunday School** – Our middle school youth start Sunday School hour as a large group for fellowship and donuts and then break into their various grade levels for a lesson that includes discussion, prayer, Scripture and fun.

**LOGOS Family Ministry** – LOGOS for middle schoolers is an exciting 4-part ministry of Bible Study, sharing a meal, fellowship and mission. It meets weekly on Wednesday nights October through March. We encourage parents to participate in all aspects of this high energy, Christ-centered evening.

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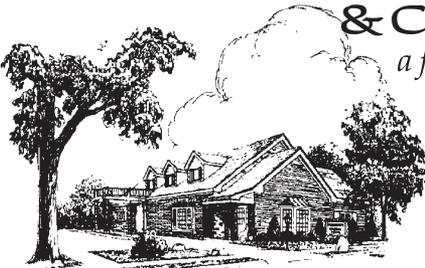
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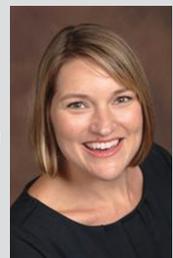
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**Fun Events** – These social events encourage fellowship with our First Pres middle schoolers and their friends and take place periodically throughout the year and may include Movie Night, Game Night, Family Night, sledding and skating.

**Retreats** – Genesis takes two retreats a year to Timber-Lee Christian Retreat Center in East Troy, Wisconsin — “Jump Start” in October and “winterXtreme” in January or February. These weekends provide ample opportunities to grow in their faith, bond as a group and participate in some unique outdoor activities.

**VBS Service Squad** – A special week in June of various mission work around the community giving our middle school youth an opportunity to share God’s love. We partner with local organizations such as DuPage Care Center, DuPage PADS, SCARCE, Outreach Community Center and Humanitarian Service Project.

**Mission** – Genesis sponsors a girl from Uganda through Compassion International. The youth bring in money to support her financially and write letters once a month encouraging them to learn about her and her family. We participate in many mission projects through LOGOS and VBS Service Squad.

## “WF” - Westminster Fellowship High School Ministry

The High School Ministry Program, WF, strives to be a welcoming and accepting home for students to learn about God and grow in their faith. Through the various programs and events, WF guides youth to love God and model Christ to the world through worship, learning, prayer, fellowship and service. Our hope is that students graduate High School as committed disciples, equipped to continue faith growth throughout college and young adulthood.

### **WF Weekly Programs:**

**“Sunday A.M.”/Sunday School** – Meets during the school year between worship services each week and uses a Presbyterian curriculum to discuss ways that scripture and our faith tradition can impact our lives on a daily basis. A few times per year, we meet in the kitchen for fellowship and to make a hot breakfast together.

**Youth Group** – Meets on Sunday nights during the school year, and is a high-energy time of fellowship for students and their friends. A typical evening includes games, snacks, worship/devotional time and small groups, and is designed by the Student Leadership Team to be a time to connect with God, Christian peers, and caring adult leaders.

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**Girls' and Guys' Small Groups** – Meet on Wednesday evenings with the goal of diving deeper in faith and working to make a relationship with God a top priority in the midst of the busy-ness of high school.

**Special Events:**

**Fall Retreat** – Students will enjoy an epic weekend of team building, games, worship, and spiritual growth, typically held in October at the Stronghold Retreat Center in Oregon, IL.

**Winter Retreat** – This is an awesome weekend of outdoor winter activities along with worship and preaching sessions, and small groups. It's a great boost for the faith, as the winter drags on. We usually go to Timber-Lee Christian Retreat Center in East Troy, WI in January or February.

**Mission Trip** – Each June, we take a service trip to different locations through Group Mission Trips. This is an extremely busy and exciting week of repairing homes, forming new friendships, deepening old friendships and growing closer to the Lord. The mission trip is a truly special and transformational time in the lives of our students.

**Other Events** – Service projects, Lock-Ins, Dodgeball tournaments, Fundraisers, Movie Nights, Camping Trips, Trips to the Dunes, Starved Rock, Six Flags, and more! For more information or a current calendar of events, please email Director of High School Ministry, Nancy Goodwin, at [ngoodwin@firstpreswheaton.org](mailto:ngoodwin@firstpreswheaton.org).

## First Pres Preschool & Pre-K

First Pres Preschool & Pre-K provides an enriched Christian learning environment that encourages social, emotional and cognitive development as children discover and explore the world through play. Our goal is to nurture a foundation that promotes independence and confidence as an introduction to lifelong learning. First Pres Preschool offers half-day preschool classes for children aged 2 1/2 to 6 years of age. Classes meet morning or afternoon, Mon-Fri, depending on the age group. Classes are in session during the school year, following the D200 school calendar for vacations and holidays.



## Worship and Music

We believe that God is glorified through music and worship as it expresses and interprets the scriptures. The music program at First Presbyterian Church of Wheaton is proud to offer a vital ministry that is continually growing. Our first priority is to enrich the worship life of our community through diverse and authentic worship music.

### **Westminster Choir**

The Westminster Choir is a community of people that enjoy joining together to explore sacred choral music, encompassing a wide variety of genres. Rehearsals are scheduled on Thursdays from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. for adults and high school students.

### **Westminster Orchestra**

Throughout the year, many opportunities occur for musicians to gather as one body to bring exciting, powerful music to the services. All instruments are welcome!

### **2-or-More**

The goal of this group is to create opportunities for all to be involved in music making. 2-or-More is a collective of singers and instrumentalists that are interested in leading the congregation in modern worship music. Rehearsals occur as needed.

Opportunities for children and youth to be involved in the Music Ministries at First Presbyterian Church of Wheaton are ongoing with group and solo opportunities occurring year-round.

### **Worship Enhancement**

Do you enjoy being involved with hospitality? Speaking? Drama? We are looking for you! Our Worship Services are based on Jesus' grace in community and we are a welcoming one. Open to all ages.

## Session

The Session is the governing body of our church. Elders chosen by the congregation, together with the ministers of Word and Sacrament, provide for worship and are responsible for the leadership, government, and discipline of our body of believers. The Session is charged with the duty of strengthening and nurturing the faith and life of the congregation as well as overseeing the operation and finances of the church.

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## Board of Deacons

Our Board of Deacons provides an assertive ministry of sympathy, witness, service and prayer, following the example of Jesus Christ. To do this, they respond to individual needs, joys and concerns, seek to strengthen the bond of Christian community within our congregation and extend the hand of Christian fellowship to our community and the world.

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