

WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 19, 2012

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**Current Report**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The**  
**Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 19, 2012**

**WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Illinois**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
  
of Incorporation)

**001-35077**  
(Commission  
  
File Number)

**36-3873352**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
  
Identification No.)

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727 North Bank Lane

Lake Forest, Illinois  
(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (847) 615-4096

60045  
(Zip Code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last year)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

The information in this Current Report is being furnished and shall not be deemed filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. The information in this Current Report shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

On January 18, 2012, Wintrust Financial Corporation (the Company ) announced earnings for the fourth quarter of 2011. A copy of the press release relating to the Company s earnings results is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. Certain supplemental information relating to non-GAAP financial measures reported in the attached press release is included on pages 18 and 19 of Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit

99.1 Fourth Quarter 2011 Earnings Release dated January 18, 2012.

**Signature**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORPORATION

(Registrant)

By: /s/ David L. Stoehr  
David L. Stoehr  
Executive Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer

Date: January 19, 2012

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