WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORP Form 8-K January 22, 2018

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 22, 2018

### WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Illinois 001-35077 36-3873352 (State or other jurisdiction (Commission (I.R.S. Employer of Incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

9700 W. Higgins Road, Suite 800

Rosemont, Illinois

60018

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (847) 939-9000

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 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- "Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

### 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 22, 2018, Wintrust Financial Corporation (the "Company") announced earnings for the fourth quarter of 2017. 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 11 through 12 of Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits (d) Exhibits

#### Exhibit

99.1 Fourth Quarter 2017 Earnings Release dated January 22, 2018

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## 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 22, 2018

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