

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WINNETKA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 4, 2022

GATHERING

*We gather together joyfully during this season of waiting.
May our greetings and visiting be signs of Christ's presence with us.*

PRELUDE

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

WELCOME

QUIET MEDITATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather today on the brink of a birth.
Like Isaiah, we are invited to contemplate a world,
not as it is, but how it could be.
Let us heed the prophets who deliver God's messages.
Let us make God the focus of our thoughts and worship
during this Advent season.

GATHERING SONG

Comfort, My People

The ensemble will sing the song first; then the congregation sings together.

Com-fort, my peo-ple calm all your fear; the day of sal-
va-tion is quick-ly draw-ing near. The One you long to—
see will soon set you free. O— come, Lord
Je - sus come. O— come, Lord Je - sus come.

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

As we light this Advent wreath,
may its flame be a symbol of hope;
its warmth a symbol of God's love;
and may it inspire us
to speak words that challenge,
encourage,
and draw others to Jesus,
the Light of the World.
Amen.

OPENING SONG 107 | STANDING

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Advent God,
we journey with you
to Bethlehem's stable
and a newborn child,
ears attuned to the voice of the prophets,
eyes alert for Bethlehem's star.

Forgive us
if on our journey
we are distracted
by the tempting offers of this world.
Keep our hearts aflame
with the promise of Advent,
and the birth of our Savior.

Silence is kept for personal confession.

Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Though the nights are long, the sun still rises;
though the mornings are dark, the birds still sing;
though the world isn't ready, Christ still comes;
though we don't listen or prepare or deserve,
God still loves and forgives and renews us.

Thanks be to God!

SUNG RESPONSE

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 11:1-10

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL RESPONSE

Winter's Rose

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming, from tender stem has sprung.
Of Jesse's lineage coming as seers of old have sung.
It came, a blossom bright, amid the cold of winter,
when half-spent was the night.

This flower whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,
dispels in glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.
True man, yet very God, from sin and death now save us,
and share our every load.

*Children (K-6) are dismissed for music following the scripture readings.
They will return to sanctuary following the sermon.*

SERMON

A Tender Shoot
Rev. Paul Gilmore

SONG OF RESPONSE 378 | STANDING

We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In the darkness of winter,
and in anticipation of Christ's coming,
we pray...

Come, O come, Emmanuel.

O God,
give courage to all who lead us:
those who make plans and laws that shape our lives,
and those who serve our communities...

Come, O come, Emmanuel.

O God, give courage to all who support us:
our parents and care-givers,
doctors and nurses,
and all those who are there when we need them...

Come, O come, Emmanuel.

O God, give courage to all who are in need:
the poor and the hungry,
the lost, the lonely and those in despair,
the sick and the suffering,
especially Emma, Anne, Paul and Crys, Ocean and Vega, Ivan, Lori, Barbara, Nicole,
Wendy, Lee, Mary Anne, Ettie, Sara Creasy, Andrew, and Carol...

Come, O come, Emmanuel.

O God, give courage to your Church:
as we await your coming
help us to transform the world,
in the name of Emmanuel, who taught us to pray...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

CENTSABILITY COLLECTION

SHARING THE PEACE | STANDING

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

TABLE

SONG | STANDING

What Feast of Love

(Sung to the tune of "What Child Is This")

What feast of love is offered here,
what banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life,
what gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
the bread come down from heaven.
O taste and see and sing!
How sweet the manna given!

What wine of love is offered here,
what crimson drink from heaven?
What stream of everlasting life,
what precious drink is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
the sweetest wine from heaven.
O taste and see and sing!
The Son of God is given!

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE | STANDING

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING | STANDING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is a right, good, and joyful thing
always and everywhere to give thanks to you, O God,
for sending your prophets to announce your coming reign,
your servants to prepare the way of the Lord,
and your Son, Jesus, to bring light to our darkness.
You draw us to yourself with the promise of salvation,
and every promise you make, in your goodness, you fulfill.
And so, with angels and archangels,
we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: "Ho ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord God of_ Hosts, Heav'n and earth are". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "full of your glo - ry: Glo-ry be to you,_ O Lord, most high." The music is written in a simple, accessible style with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#).

Holy are you, and holy is your child, Jesus Christ,
whose coming we await with hope and anticipation,
and for whose life, death, and resurrection
we give thanks beyond measure.
May this meal we share be a sign that our redemption is near.
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
May they be for us a communion in the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be the body of Christ to a world sitting in darkness and gloom.

**Come Lord Jesus,
with your Father and your Spirit, to the church,
and receive our praises, now and forever. Amen.**

The congregation is seated.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION

We will serve each other communion gathered around the Table.

Small groups will be directed to gather around the table.

Please distribute the bread to your neighbor saying, "The bread of life."

Distribute the cup to your neighbor saying, "The cup of salvation."

When you receive the bread and cup, respond with "Thanks be to God" or "Amen."

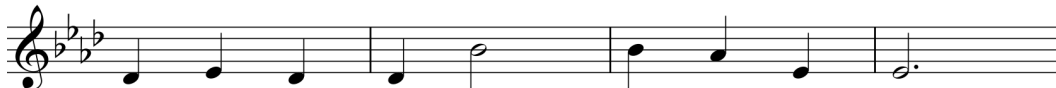
After your group is served, please return to your pew by the side aisle.

COMMUNION SONG

God of All People



1. God of all plac - es: pres - ent, un - seen;
2. God of all dream - ing, near and yet far.
3. God of all peo - ple, dust and the clay.



Voice in our si - lence, song in our midst.
Vi - sion un - heard of, wake us to rest.
Breath of a new wind, fire in our hearts.



We are your peo - ple, know - ing, un - sure. _____
We are your pres - ence, sent forth a - fraid. _____
Light born of heav - en, peace on the earth. _____



Come, Lord Je - sus, come!
Come, Lord Je - sus, come!
Come, Lord Je - sus, come!

SOLO

Winter Snow
Daniel Rausch, soloist

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God our hope,
we give you thanks for this foretaste
of the justice, righteousness, and peace
of your promised new creation.
Strengthen us with this heavenly food
as we await the coming in glory
of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

SENDING

CLOSING SONG 79 | STANDING

Light Dawns on a Weary World

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION | STANDING

ORGAN POSTLUDE

People, Look East

POINSETTIA AND GREENS DONATIONS

Help decorate our worship space for Christmas Eve and the whole Christmas season by making a donation toward the poinsettias and greens. Any donation is appreciated. Please return this form no later than TODAY along with your check made out to Winnetka Presbyterian Church. Indicate in the check memo field that it is for “Christmas flowers.”

You can also donate online at winnpres.org

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

In thanksgiving for: _____

Name: _____ Amount: _____

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Information about weekly Bible studies and small groups can be found in your weekly email or at winnpres.org. Sign up at winnpres.org to receive our weekly email.



OFFERING

You can financially support the ministry of WPC in one of the following ways:

- Scan this QR code.
- Place your offering in the collection box.
- Give online at winnpres.org/give-online.

CONFIRMATION YOUTH PARTICIPATING

Several of the youth who will be confirmed this year are participating as leaders in today's worship service. Please keep all 18 of these youth in your prayers throughout this year.

SERVING TODAY

Worship Leaders: Paul Gilmore, Geoff Duffy
Greeters: Elizabeth Laabs, Maddie Vint,
Megan Kay, Ryan Kay
Call to Worship: Blake Waterston
Lector: Brady Ray
Prayer Leader: Charlie Sears
Musicians: Bryan Wlas, Kelsey Goodwin,
Kyra Kornfeld, Daniel Rausch,
Warren Oja, Annie Liu

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THE ADVENT SEASON

Advent is a time of preparation and waiting for the coming of the Lord. We celebrate Christ's first coming as a child in a manger; we prepare our hearts for Christ's coming into our lives this season; and we look forward with hope to Christ's coming at the end of time. There are many opportunities to prepare, wait, and celebrate this season!

GIVING TREE GIFTS DUE MONDAY

Gifts need to be delivered to WPC and put under the Giving Tree by Monday, December 5. If you are interested in helping out at Good News Partners' Christmas Market on December 10, please contact Nancy Holly.

DEC 11: BAKE SALE

Beautiful holiday plates of homemade cookies made by the women of WPC, wrapped in love...make the perfect gifts.

DEC 18: ADVENT MUSIC SUNDAY

Join us for a wonderful morning of Advent music by our choir, musicians, and Sunday School children.

POINSETTIA & GREENS OFFERINGS

If you would like to make a donation for poinsettias and Christmas greens to decorate the CLC for Christmas worship, you may do so online at winnpres.org. Donations may be made online or with a check.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

You may pick up a copy of this year's devotional, *Lo, How a Rose*, in the atrium following worship this Sunday.

SING IN THE ADVENT CHOIR!

All singers are invited to join our Advent Choir on Dec 4, 11, and 18.

- Rehearsal @ 8:45am on Dec 4 and 11
- Rehearsal @ 8:30am on Dec 18
- Learn a song each Sunday to sing in worship. The next Sunday, we'll review what we learned the week before, and then learn a new song for that Sunday.
- On December 18, we'll sing our three songs in worship for our Advent Music Sunday!

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP: 4PM/8PM

Carols, Holy Communion, and candlelight at both services. Our 4pm service is especially for children and all those who are young at heart.

CHRISTMAS DAY

There will be **NO WORSHIP SERVICE AT THE CHURCH** on Christmas Day this year. Everyone is invited to join us for breakfast and a brief worship service at the Jonquil Hotel. Please see your weekly email for more information and sign-ups. There is also a sign-up sheet on the coffee hour table.