

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## WINNETKA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
FEBRUARY 12, 2023

### GATHERING

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

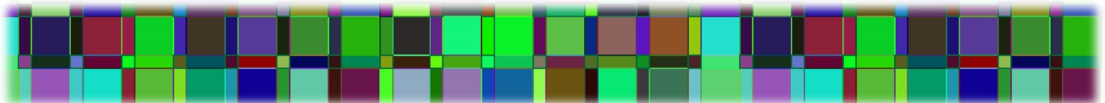
**SILENT MEDITATION**

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP**

God Be in My Head

God be in my head, and in my understanding;  
God be in my eyes, and in my looking;  
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;  
God be in my heart, and in my thinking.  
God be at my end, and at my departing.

-1558 Sarum Primer (Salisbury, England)



## GATHERING PRAYER

God of all,  
as we gather together today,  
make us attentive to you and to one another.  
Give us minds that think the best of everyone;  
eyes that see beauty in the ordinary;  
ears that want to hear only good things about others;  
mouths that speak blessings;  
and hearts that are open to you and to others.  
Amen.

**HYMN 628** | STANDING

Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God,**  
**we bring to you this day**  
**our stubborn hearts that insist we know best;**  
**our willful feet that run in pathways not of your making;**  
**our hands that fail to offer kindness;**  
**and our lips that speak deceit and anger.**  
**In the quiet of this moment,**  
**we bring to you the situations, thoughts and actions**  
**that need your forgiveness and healing.**

*Pause for reflection.*

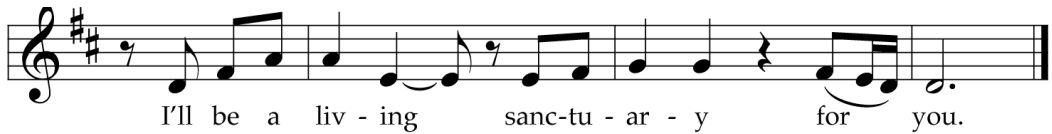
**Forgiving God,**  
**cleanse us by the power of your Spirit;**  
**heal us in your grace and love;**  
**and set our hearts and minds**  
**on your ways and your works.**  
**Amen**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Through the cross of Christ,  
we are healed and restored,  
reconciled with God and one another.  
We are forgiven,  
and can again live in love and peace with all.

## RESPONSE

Lord, Prepare Me



# LISTENING

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

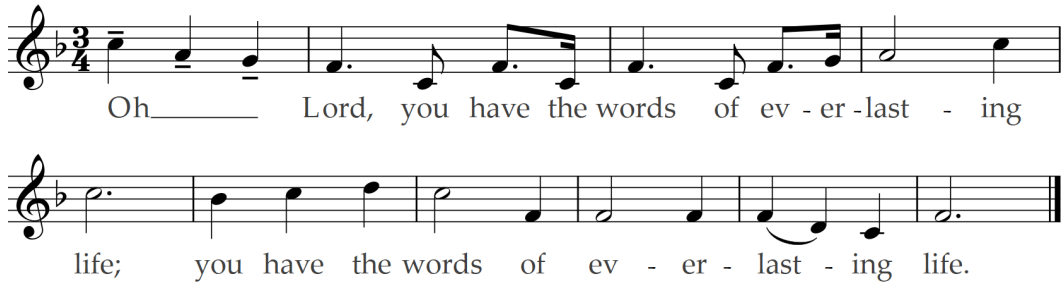
### HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

This is the Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

### PSALM

Psalm 19



Oh \_\_\_\_\_ Lord, you have the words of ev - er - last - ing  
life; you have the words of ev - er - last - ing life.

The law of our God is perfect and true;  
it refreshes and feeds the soul;  
and God's rule is to be trusted.  
The simple, they find wisdom. (refrain)

The precepts of God are right.  
Yes, they gladden every heart.  
And God's command is clear,  
giving light to our eyes. (refrain)

### GOSPEL

Matthew 5:21-37

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### SERMON

*The Real Valentine*  
Rev. Phyllis Beattie

# RESPONDING

HYMN 451 | STANDING

Open My Eyes, That I May See

SHARING THE PEACE | STANDING

Jesus said, Go and be reconciled.

**Go and be reconciled.**

When we are angry,  
may we control our feelings.

**Go and be reconciled.**

When we lose our temper,  
may we say “I’m sorry” and make peace.

**Go and be reconciled.**

When we start an argument,  
may we be quick to put things right.

**Go and be reconciled.**

When we have been wronged,  
may we let go of grudges and move on.

**Go and be reconciled.**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**



## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy...  
hear our prayer.

## 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.

## SENDING

**HYMN 543** | STANDING

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** | STANDING

**POSTLUDE**

# DUST & GLORY

## **ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22 / 8-9AM AND 4-5PM**

Each year, Christians set aside the 40 days of Lent to reflect, pray, and prepare for the celebration of Easter. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (Feb 22 this year). On Ash Wednesday, our heads are smudged with ashes made from the palms of last Palm Sunday. The *Book of Common Worship* reminds us that "Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent with a public act of confession. Acknowledging that we have all sinned...we repent and return to our loving creator. Acutely aware of our failure and frailty, we express our utter reliance on God's saving grace."

Ashes will be distributed in the roundabout outside the church office between 8-9am on 4-5pm on February 22. Drive through anytime to begin your Lenten journey!

## **LENTEN DEVOTIONALS**

Our devotionals for Lent are once again from the Church of England. Copies of *Dust and Glory* will be available for you to pick up next Sunday. We'll also send out information about how to download the app for daily devotions sent to your phone.

## **LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS—WEDNESDAYS IN MARCH @6PM**

You won't have to make dinner on the Wednesdays of Lent! Join us each Wednesday in March at 6pm for a simple soup supper, a simple prayer, and fellowship with friends from WPC.

## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

*Information about weekly Bible studies and small groups can be found in your weekly email or at [winnpres.org](http://winnpres.org). Sign up at [winnpres.org](http://winnpres.org) to receive our weekly email.*

### **MEN'S SMALL GROUP (CONFERENCE B)**

Saturdays @ 8:30am

### **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY (CONFERENCE A)**

Saturdays @ 9:30am

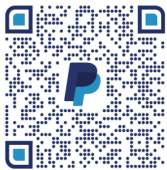
### **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY (ZOOM)**

Tuesdays @ 7am

### **BIBLE STUDY (CONFERENCE B)**

Wednesdays @ 11am

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### **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](http://winnpres.org/give-online).

## **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: FEB 25**

The annual report will be in next week's weekly email. There will also be hard copies in the church next Sunday for those who would like one.

### **RSVP FOR DINNER FOR 80**

This year's Dinner for 80 will be on Saturday, February 25. This is always a fun evening of meeting new friends and getting reacquainted with people you may have not seen in a while. Once you've signed up, you will be asked to bring a salad, wine, bread, or dessert to your host's home. Hosts provide the main dish. There is a sign-up on the coffee hour table.

## SERVING TODAY

Worship Leaders: Phyllis Beattie, Geoff Duffy  
Greeters: George Bermingham  
Lectors: Liz Berwanger, Barbara Scott  
Musicians: Kyra Kornfeld, Daniel Rausch,  
Alasia Williams, Bryan Wlas

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