

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WINNETKA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
FEBRUARY 18, 2024



The 40 days of Lent are a season for reflection as we slow down, take more time, embrace intentionality, and examine our internal spiritual lives and the way we live out our Christian faith in the world.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Forty Days and Forty Nights

WELCOME

SILENT REFLECTION

CALL TO WORSHIP

O Holy One

O Holy One, we gather in your presence. O Living One, we welcome all to hope.



O Holy One, the Covenant of History. O Living One, we live and move in you.

PSALM

Psalm 25:1-2, 4-5, 8-10

I offer my life to you, O Lord.

My God, I trust you.

Make your ways known to me.

Teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth

for you are the God who saves me.

Remember your compassion and faithful love.

They are forever!

The Lord is good and does the right thing;

God teaches sinners which way they should go.

All the Lord's paths are loving and faithful

for those who keep his covenant.

HYMN 22 | STANDING

God of the Sparrow

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Fountain of living water,

pour out your mercy over us.

Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.

Rebuild what we have ruined

and mend what we have torn.

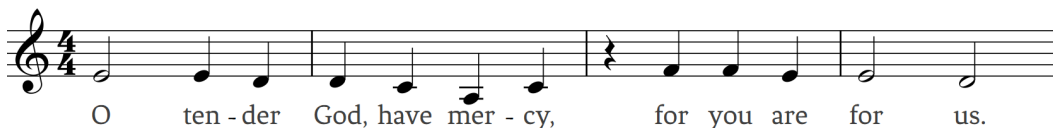
Wash us in your cleansing flood.

Make us alive in the Spirit,

to follow in the way of Jesus,

as healers and restorers of the world you so love.

Silence is kept for personal confession.



O liv - ing Christ, have mer - cy, for you will heal us.

O ten - der God, have mer - cy, for you are for us,

for you are for us.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Beloved, God's word never fails.
 The promise rests on grace:
 by the saving love of Jesus Christ,
 our sins are forgiven, and God remembers them no more.
 Journey in the way of Jesus.
Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE

Psalm 51

Cre - ate in me_ a clean heart, O God, that I might serve_ you.

Cre - ate in me_ a clean heart, O God, that I may be re - newed.

So fill_ me and heal_ me, and bring me_ back to_ you.

Cre - ate in me, a clean heart, O God, that I might serve_ you.

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

COVENANT STORY

Genesis 9:8-17

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

Water Has Held Us



1. Wa - ter has held us, moved by cre - a - tion.
2. Wa - ter has saved us, as the sea part - ed
3. Wa - ter has cleansed us, bathed with for - give - ness,



Out of dark cha - os, broke forth the light.
for Is - rael's chil - dren, walled on each side.
show - ing an in - ward, spir - i - tual grace.



Up from the flood - ing, show - ing God's pro - mise,
This love has held us, helped us in trou - ble,
In - to God's fam - 'ly we have been wel - comed,



has come a rain - bow, glad - den - ing sight.
on far ho - ri - zons, God's cloud our guide.
as sons and daugh - ters, we take our place.

EPISTLE

1 Peter 3:18-22

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Children (K-5) are dismissed to go to Sunday School follow the scripture readings.
They may be picked up from their classrooms following worship.*

SERMON

Hope for the Journey
Rev. Paul Gilmore

SONG OF RESPONSE

Hope
Bryan Wlas, soloist

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Emily Wheeler
Faith Community Initiative

PROFESSION OF FAITH | STANDING

Adapted from *Our World Belongs to God*
Christian Reformed Church

**We believe God keeps covenant forever.
Our world,
broken and scarred,
still belongs to God,
who holds it together with fierce love
and gives us hope.
God did not turn away
from a world bent on destruction
but turned to face it in love.
With patience and tender care,
the Lord set out
on the long road of redemption,
reconciling the world to God,
and creating a new covenant community.
In this community,
the homeless come home,
the broken find healing,
the sinner makes a new start,
the despised are esteemed,**

**the least are honored,
and the last are first.
Here the Spirit guides
and grace abounds.
Thanks be to God!**

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST | STANDING

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Peace, Salaam, Shalom.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

MOMENT FOR CREATIVITY

(sung to the tune "Jesus Love Me")

Long ago, God reached in love,
sending Noah back a dove,
promising a world made dry,
with a rainbow in the sky.

God, you are faithful.
God, you are faithful.
God, you are faithful.
Your covenant is love!

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

Come, Ye Sinners

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you
Full of pity, love, and power.

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome;
God's free bounty glorify:
True belief and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh.

-Joseph Hart, 1759

DOXOLOGY | STANDING

Praise God from whom _____ all bless-ings flow. _____

Praise Christ all peo - ple here be - low. Praise Ho - ly Spir-it, _____

ev - er - more. _____ Praise Tri - une God whom we a - dore.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING | STANDING

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.

Holy God,

we praise you for your covenant with us,

and for all the colors of your blessings -

the reds and yellows of your unconditional and costly love;

the pinks and greens of your creativity and compassion;

the oranges and purples of your grace and understanding;

and the blue of your faithfulness.

Use these gifts we now offer

to color your world with love,

and to provide hope for those in despair.

Amen.

SENDING

HYMN 250 | STANDING

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

CHARGE AND BLESSING | STANDING

POSTLUDE

FAITH COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

TODAY FOLLOWING WORSHIP

EMILY WHEELER, GUEST SPEAKER



- The Faith Community Initiative empowers migrant families and individuals to stabilize, acclimate, learn, earn, heal, and then thrive.
- This initiative creates partnerships across and within faith traditions in order to optimize support so that no one faith community is overly burdened.
- The goal of this initiative is to provide faith communities with the tools and framework to provide housing, support, and accompaniment that can successfully provide our new neighbors with what they need to attain confidence, legal and medical services, education, economic stability, emotional wellness, and empowerment.

EASTER FLOWER OFFERING

If you would like to help fill the sanctuary with flowers for Easter Sunday (and the Easter season), please fill out this form and return it by Sunday, March 24.

In loving memory _____

In honor _____

In thanksgiving _____

Given by _____

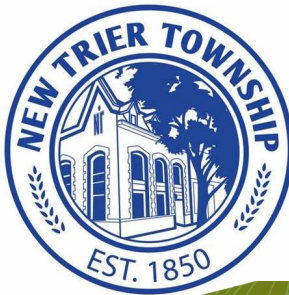
Donation Amount _____

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FOOD DRIVE

LENTEN GIVING



Lent is traditionally a time when we deepen our resolve to do good in the world. There are many ways to make a difference this season (just check out our website!) In particular, we are partnering with the New Trier Township Food Pantry this Lent to provide food and resources for families who are in need this season.



ITEMS NEEDED

COOKIES & CRACKERS

GRANOLA BARS

COOKING OIL

SALAD DRESSING

BROWN AND WHITE RICE MIXES

PASTA SAUCE

JELLY (ALL FLAVORS)

TOOTHPASTE

MOUTHWASH

SHAMPOO

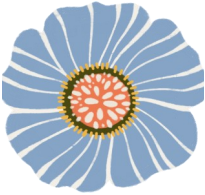
SOAP AND CLEANING SUPPLIES

Just bring any of the following items to church throughout the Lenten season and place them in the bins.



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COVENANT

LENTEN SCHEDULE 2024



WEDNESDAY SOUP SUPPERS

BEGINNING FEB 21 @ 5:45PM-7PM

You're invited for soup and conversation on the Wednesdays in Lent (Feb 21, 28, March 6, 13 and 20). Soup will be provided by a different WPC group each week.



CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES

BEGINNING FEB 25 @ 11:15AM-12:15AM

Join us following worship on the Sundays in Lent (Feb 25, March 10, 17 and 24) for an engaging video series on "The Historical Jesus."



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MARCH 3 @ 11AM

The annual meeting of WPC will be held immediately following worship. Come and hear what we've been doing and where we're going!



HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY / MARCH 24 @ 10AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY / MARCH 28 @ 7PM

GOOD FRIDAY / MARCH 29 @ 7PM

Come and remember the last days of Jesus through scripture, music, and sacrament during this most holy week.



EASTER SUNDAY

MARCH 31 @ 10AM

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



Financially support the ministry of WPC...

- Scan this QR code
- Offering plate in worship
- Online at winnpres.org

TODAY: FAITH COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

Join us in the CLC following worship to hear Emily Wheeler from the Faith Community Initiative. Churches and government entities in Winnetka have developed a plan in the event that migrants should arrive in our community. The Faith Community Initiative empowers migrant families and individuals to stabilize, acclimate, learn, earn, heal, and then thrive. Come and hear how WPC can help with this need. Today's talk is sponsored by our own Matthew 25 Community.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS: WED @ 5:45PM

You're invited each Wednesday in Lent from 5:45-7pm for soup and conversation.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION BEGINS FEB 25

Come and learn more about *The Historical Jesus* during Lent. This adult class will be held in Conference Room B following worship on Feb 25, and March 10, 17, and 24)

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our annual congregational meeting will be on Sunday, March 3, immediately following worship.

SERVING TODAY

Worship Leaders: Paul Gilmore, Geoff Duffy

Greeters: Nancy Holly

Lector: David Holly, Bill McNair

Musicians: Bryan Wlas, Daniel Rausch,
Shannon McMullen, Kyra Kornfeld

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