

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WINNETKA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 28, 2024

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

SILENT REFLECTION

CHORAL INTROIT

Beneath the Shadow

Come now, worship the Savior.
Seek him while he may be found.
Find perfect peace here in his presence
beneath the shadow of Almighty God.

CALL TO WORSHIP | STANDING

from Psalm 111

Come, and give thanks to the Lord.
In the company of all God's people,
sing your praise!

**Great are the works of the Lord,
full of glory and majesty.**

God is gracious and compassionate.

God is merciful and forgiving.

God is faithful and trustworthy.

God is just and good.

Come, let us worship the Lord!

HYMN 19 | STANDING

God of Great and God of Small

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of great and God of small,
you sent Jesus to show us
that no person is outside the bounds of your grace.
We confess those times we have demonized people
when we could have befriended.
We confess those times we have excluded people
when we could have embraced.
We confess those times we have hurt people
when we could have helped.
Be gracious to us,
and heal us this day
in the name of Jesus Christ.**

Silence is kept for personal confession.

Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

RESPONSE

Calm to the Waves

Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Je - sus whis-pers, "Peace, be still."
Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In still-ness, hear his voice.

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 95

If to -day you hear God's voice, hard-en not your hearts.
If to -day you hear God's voice, har -den not your hearts.

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord; let us acclaim the rock of our salvation.
Let us greet him with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to God. (refrain)

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the Lord who made us.
For this is our God, and we the people he shepherds,
and the flock he guides. (refrain)

Oh, that today you would hear God's voice:

"Harden not your hearts as at Maribah,
as in the day of Masah in the desert when the people tempted me." (refrain)

GOSPEL

Mark 1:21-28

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children are dismissed to Sunday School (K-6) following the scripture readings.

SERMON

“Peculiar Pedagogical Perfection”

Rev. Paul Gilmore

SONG OF RESPONSE

He is There

Kyra Kornfeld, soloist

PROFESSION OF FAITH | STANDING

A New Creed

The United Church of Canada

**We are not alone,
we live in God’s world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God’s presence,
to live with respect in creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
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

Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,
give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

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.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

Beautiful Savior
Warren Oja, cello

Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flowers of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration now and forevermore be thine!

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. A - men.

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 thank you for the gift of Jesus,

who came teaching us about your kingdom,

and showing us how to live lives of generosity, mercy, and compassion.

Bless what we give this day,

and help us to be faithful in the use of our resources,

that our lives might be reflections of your own generosity

shown to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

HYMN 772 | STANDING

Live Into Hope

CHARGE AND BLESSING | STANDING

POSTLUDE

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.

PANCAKES FOR MARDI GRAS: FEB 11

Celebrate Mardi Gras with pancakes served by the Senior High Youth of WPC! The pancake breakfast will be immediately following worship on February 11. All proceeds will go to support the youth summer mission trip.

HOT COCOA SOCIAL: FEB 13 @ 3:30-5PM

Everyone welcome to come by WPC for some homemade hot chocolate and treats for Fat Tuesday. Games for kids and adults. Make a valentine for someone special. Bring a friend!

DRIVE-THROUGH ASHES: FEB 14

Lent begins early this year. Ashes will be distributed in the roundabout outside the church office between 8-9am and 12-1pm on February 14. Drive through anytime to begin your Lenten journey!

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS BEGIN FEB 21

Join us each Wednesday evening in Lent (beginning Feb 21) for soup and conversation.

SERVING TODAY

Worship Leaders: Paul Gilmore, Geoff Duffy

Greeters: Nancy Holly, Matt Baker

Lectors: Bill McNair, Andy Langan

Prayer Leader: David Holly

Musicians: Bryan Wlas, Daniel Rausch,

Shannon McMullen, Kyra Kornfeld,

Warren Oja

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