

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WINNETKA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

BAPTISM OF THE LORD
JANUARY 9, 2022

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

God's redeeming voice calls us to worship,
calling us to sing and offering praise.

God's creating voice calls us to worship,
calling us to life and light.

God's loving voice calls us to worship,
calling us to love and be loved.

Listen, for God's voice calls to us now.

CHORAL HYMN

Beneath the Shadow of Almighty God

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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God,
when we forget that we are your beloved children,
draw us ever closer to you.
When we fail to listen to your voice of love,
whisper your words of reassurance.
When we do not reflect your divine image within us,
forgive us.
Wash over us with your grace,
and bathe us in your love,
that we may remember who we are
and whose we are.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the truth of God's voice,
breaking through the clouds of our lives:
"You are my child, the one I dearly love.
I delight in your creation."
**I am God's child, the one God dearly loves.
God delights in my creation.**

LISTENING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 43:1-7

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL PSALM

Psalm 100

Come, all the earth, and praise the Lord. Be joyful and sing, for the Lord is good.
God's mercy is forevermore; Oh come, be joyful, praise the Lord.
Come, serve the Lord with grateful hearts.
Be thankful and sing, for the Lord is good.
God's truth will never, never fail; Oh come, be thankful, serve the Lord.
You know the Lord is God who made us,
and we are God's, the sheep of God's pasture.
Let us sing an alleluia! Give thanks to God and bless God's name.

GOSPEL

Luke 3:21-22

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SERMON

Geoff Duffy

RESPONDING

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Be Not Afraid

Be not afraid, for I have redeemed you;
be not afraid, I have called you by name.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
when you pass through the floods, they will not sweep o'er you;
when you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed;
you are mind, you are precious in my sight.

My love for you is everlasting,
my love for you shall have no end.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
when you pass through the floods, they will not sweep o'er you;
when you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed;
you are mind, you are precious in my sight.

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM | STANDING

Friends,
whatever our journey to this point
we remember that in baptism
God claims us as beloved children.

Baptism is the sign and seal of God's promises.
In baptism God promises by grace alone:
to forgive our sins,
to adopt us into the body of Christ, the church,
to send the Holy Spirit daily to renew and cleanse us,
and to resurrect us to eternal life.

This promise is made visible in the water of baptism.

Water cleanses,
purifies,
refreshes,
sustains;
Jesus Christ is living water.

Through baptism Christ calls us to love and trust God completely,
to forsake the evil of the world,
and to live a new and holy life.

Yet, when we fall into sin,
we must not despair,
for baptism is the sign and seal
of God's eternal covenant of grace with us.

And so, today we come once again to these waters,
to renew the commitments made on the day of our baptism.

Do you renounce sin and the power of evil
in your life and in the world?

I renounce them.

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, and,
through worship and service,
seek to advance God's purposes
here and throughout the world?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER | STANDING

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise you, O God, for water.

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We give you thanks, O God,
for the gift of water -
for oceans and lakes, rivers and streams,
clouds and rain, dew and snow.

In the beginning of creation your Spirit moved over the waters.

In the waters of the flood you destroyed evil.

In the waters of the Red Sea you led the children of Israel into freedom.

In the river Jordan, John baptized Jesus and your Spirit anointed him.

In the waters of baptism you birth us into the family of Christ,
claim us as your beloved children,

bathe us in forgiveness,
and enliven us with your Holy Spirit.

We praise you, O God, for water.

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To you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Sea of holiness,
Spring of salvation,
Cloud of mystery,
be all praise and thanksgiving, now and forever.

Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST | STANDING

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

CHORAL RESPONSE

As We Part

As we part for the towns and cities, where you summon us to go, guide us, Lord;
give us faith and courage, teach us all we need to know.
Keep us humble, fixed on you, forever seeking, born anew.
Kindle holy fires within us. May your Holy Spirit glow.

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.**

SENDING

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

May God bless you,
may God keep you,
may God be gracious and look kindly on you;
and may the Lord's face shine upon you
and give you peace.

CHARGE AND BLESSING | STANDING

Go forth and proclaim the good news:
God calls us by name
and fashions us for glory.

**We go as people washed clean
in the waters of our baptism.**

Go forth to live the good news:
the Holy Spirit blesses us
and seals us with God's love.

**We go as people blessed by God,
that we might be a blessing to others.**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sign up at winnpres.org to receive our weekly email for all the latest WPC news.

WORSHIP IN JANUARY

We are continuing to show our concern and love for another by wearing masks during Sunday worship. In order to keep everyone safe during this recent spike, we will be taking the following precautions through the month of January.

- Coffee Hour will be suspended.
- We encourage everyone to leave the building as soon as worship is finished.
- Our soloists will give voice to our song during the month ... we will put congregational singing on hold for a few weeks.
- We will not celebrate communion in January.
- We strongly encourage anyone who is not vaccinated to join us for online worship.

BIBLE STUDY RESUMES THIS WEDNESDAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL...ON BREAK

Through the month of January we will not hold in person Sunday school. We will continue to have our children's worship bulletins available...with lots of crayons of course. Nancy will also send out a weekly email to families which will include portions of the Sunday school lesson that can be taught at home.

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Zoom links can be found in your weekly email or at winnpres.org.

SERVING TODAY

Worship Leaders: Geoff Duffy

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