

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## WINNETKA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY  
NOVEMBER 26, 2023



### GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

SILENT MEDITATION

GLORIA PATRI | STANDING



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, glo - ry be to the Son, \_\_\_\_\_



glo - ry be to the Ho - ly Spir - it, Three - in - One.



As it was\_ in the\_ be - gin - ning, is now, and shall be



world with - out end, world with - out end. A - men.

Come into God's presence  
with thanksgiving;

**make a joyful noise to God  
with songs of praise!**

Come, let us worship and bow down:  
let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.

**HYMN 268** | STANDING

Crown Him with Many Crowns

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord Jesus,  
we confess we have not loved you as we should.  
When we see hunger and thirst and do nothing,  
we have failed to recognize you.  
When we see loneliness and poverty and do nothing,  
we have failed to welcome you.  
When we see human frailty and suffering and do nothing,  
we have failed to love you.  
Forgive us.  
Open our eyes,  
our hands,  
and our hearts.

*Silence is kept for personal confession.*

**Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

## RESPONSE

## The Lord Is My Shepherd




The Lord is my shep herd, \_\_\_\_\_ I shall not want. \_\_\_\_\_



He makes me to lie down \_\_\_\_\_ in fields of green. \_\_\_\_\_



He leads me be - side \_\_\_\_\_ the wat-ers so still. \_\_\_\_\_



My soul is re-freshed, he leads me a - long the path-way of love.

## WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### PSALM

Psalm 95:6-7  
(next page)

Come, let us wor-ship and\_ bow down, let us  
 kneel be-fore the Lord,our God,our Mak - er. Mak - er.  
 The Lord\_\_\_\_ is our God, and we are the peo-ple of God's  
 pas ture, and the sheep\_\_ of God's hand, and the sheep\_\_ of God's hand.

**GOSPEL**

Matthew 25:31-46

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

*Children are dismissed to Sunday School (K-6) following the scripture readings.  
 Children may be picked up from Sunday School rooms following worship.*

**SERMON**

‘Sheep and Goats’  
 Rev. Paul Gilmore

**HYMN 320** | STANDING

The Church of Christ in Every Age

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD | STANDING

Christ call us to service;  
to be his eyes and ears,  
hands and voice in God's world.

To open our eyes not only  
to the beauty and love which God creates,  
but the injustice,  
hate and suffering that humankind generates.

To open our ears not only  
to the chattering of this coming week,  
but the searching,  
fears and questioning of all whom we shall meet.

To open our hands not only  
to those with whom we choose to share our lives,  
but in welcome,  
love and fellowship to all who God draws near.

To open our mouths not only  
to speak platitudes and simple words,  
but the truths God lays upon our hearts -  
God's eternal Word for this world.

Christ call us to service,  
to be his eyes and ears,  
hands and voice in God's world.

## SHARING THE PEACE | STANDING

The peace of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

Peace, Salaam, Shalom

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pray for those who are hungry.

**We pray harder for those who will not feed them.**

Pray for those who struggle each week to pay their bills.

**We pray harder for those who do not care.**

Pray for those who are homeless.

**We pray harder for those who deny them shelter.**

Pray for those who cry out for dignity.

**We pray harder for those who will not listen.**

Pray for those oppressed by unjust wages.

**We pray harder for those who exploit them.**

Pray for those who bear the yoke of prejudice.

**We pray harder for those who discriminate against them.**

Pray for those whose basic needs are denied.

**We pray harder for public officials who cater to the greedy.**

Pray for the sick and lonely, especially Maciej, John, Barbara, Jack, Kenneth,

Nicole, Wendy, Lee, Sara, and Carol

**We pray harder for those who will not give them comfort.**

O God,

When the hungry cry for food: take us there.

When the thirsty need clean water: take us there.

When the stranger needs a friend: take us there.

When the sick need care: take us there.

When the imprisoned need a visit: take us there.

We ask all these things in the name of Jesus, 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.**

# THANKSGIVING

## OFFERING

### 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.**

We thank you, O God,  
that your reign is one of peace, not power;  
grace, not greed;  
humility, not hatred;  
warmth, not war;  
justice, not jealousy;  
and that it is open to all, even to us.

**Transform these gifts  
that they may bring nourishment  
to a hungry world.**

**And transform us  
that we might bring your presence  
to our brothers and sisters.**

**Amen.**

## SENDING

### HYMN 762 | STANDING

When the Poor Ones

### CHARGE AND BLESSING | STANDING

## POSTLUDE

## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

*Information about everything that is going on at WPC can be found in your weekly email. Sign up at [winnpres.org](http://winnpres.org) to receive our email.*

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

Saturdays @ 8:30am

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

Saturdays @ 10am

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

Tuesdays @ 7am

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

Wednesdays @ 11am

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### **OFFERING**

To financially support the ministry of WPC...

- Scan this QR code.
- Place your offering in the offering plate.
- Give online at [winnpres.org/give-online](http://winnpres.org/give-online).

### **BUY A GIFT FOR THE GIVING TREE**

The Giving Tree is up. Just take a tag, purchase the item, and return it unwrapped by Sunday, Dec 3. All gifts purchased assist families at Good News Partners.

## ADVENT FESTIVAL: NEXT SUNDAY

Our annual Advent Festival is next Sunday following worship. This is a fun event with crafts and activities for everyone to kick off the season of Advent.

### **SING IN THE CHOIR FOR ADVENT**

Inviting all singers to sing in our Advent Choir. Rehearsals will be on Sundays at 8:45am (Dec 3, 10, 17). We will rehearse a piece to sing each Sunday during Advent. On December 17, we will sing all the music we've prepared for our Advent Music Sunday.

## SERVING TODAY

Worship Leaders: Paul Gilmore, Geoff Duffy

Greeters: Karen Tokmakoff, Barbara Scott,

Nancy Holly

Lectors: Jill Vint, Ken Probst

Prayer Leader: Phyllis Beattie

Musicians: Bryan Wlas, Kyra Kornfeld,

Shannon McMullen

Sound Technician: Kyle Fox

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