

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
WINNETKA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WELCOME!

WELCOME HOME SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

GATHERING

ORGAN PRELUDE

Let Your Joy Be Known

WELCOME

SILENT MEDITATION

CHORAL INTROIT

A Psalm of Thanksgiving

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.

-Psalm 100

CALL TO WORSHIP | STANDING

From our wanderings and wonderings,
we are welcomed home by God.

From our detours and mishaps,
we are returned to safety by God.

Come to be found this day,
for all are welcome here.

HYMN 1 | STANDING

Holy, Holy, Holy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of majesty and mercy,
although Christ offers us peace,
we confess we are a people divided.

We harbor fears and jealousy
which set neighbor against neighbor,
nation against nation.

We pursue profit and pleasures
which harm creation
and the wellbeing of less privileged peoples.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Set us free from our old ways
to serve you as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

Silence is kept for personal confession.

Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

RESPONSE

Bless Adonai

Psalm 103



Bless A - do - nai, O my soul, bless A - do - nai, O my soul.



Ev - 'ry-thing in me bless God's ho - ly name and for -



get none of God's ben - e - fits. The Lord for-gives our sins,



heals us when we're sick, pro - tects us from the grave, sur -



rounds us with grace as a crown on our heads.



Each day that we live, God re - news our strength like the ea gle.

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE

1 Timothy 1:18-19

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 138

The cantor sings the refrain first, then all repeat.

Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.

I will give thank to you, O Lord, with all my heart,
for you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I will sing your praise.
I will worship at your holy temple. (refrain)

I will give thanks to your name,
because of your kindness and your truth.
When I called, you answered me;
you built up strength within me. (refrain)

The Lord is exalted, yet the lowly he sees,
and the proud he knows from afar.
Your kindness, O Lord, endures forever;
forsake not the work of your hands. (refrain)

GOSPEL

Matthew 27:50-56

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

Children remain in worship today so they may celebrate communion with their families. K-6 Sunday School begins next Sunday.

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

Luke Cabanilla, Carter Tuck, Penelope Van Vlack
Annabelle Witt

SERMON

A Church to Come Home to

Rev. Paul Gilmore

HYMN 297 | STANDING

In Christ Called to Baptize

PROFESSION OF FAITH | STANDING

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE | STANDING

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Peace, Salaam, Shalom.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of love,
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.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING / CENTSABILITY OFFERING

*After the offering is gathered, all stand and sing
as the bread and juice are brought to the table.*

OFFERTORY SONG | STANDING

In The Breaking of the Bread



1. In the break - ing of the bread, in the shar - ing of the wine,
2. In our wor - ship, in the praise, in our ser - vice, in our prayer,



in the gath - 'ring of our hearts, we are filled with love di - vine.
in the mu - sic that we raise, in the fel - low - ship we share.



At Christ's ta - ble our hearts are fed.
At Christ's ta - ble we find our place.

There is grace in the break - ing of bread.
In the break - ing of bread there is grace.

There is grace in the break - ing of bread. _____
In the break - ing of bread there is grace. _____

INVITATION TO THE TABLE | STANDING

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING | STANDING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.

It is truly right and our greatest joy
to give you thanks and praise, O God.

Once we not a people,
but now we are your people.

You claimed Israel as your chosen nation,
and raised up the church as a witness to the good news.

From worlds apart, you gathered us together.

When we went astray, you welcome us home,
for your love is eternal and steadfast.

Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with the choirs of heaven
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name...

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - sa - na in the high - est.
 Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

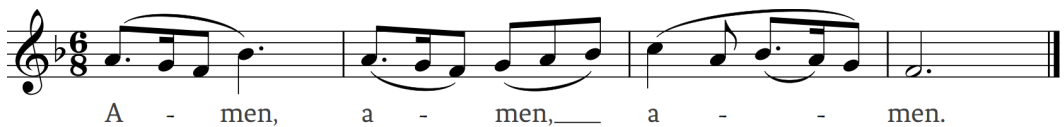
You are holy, O God,
 and blessed is Jesus, your Son, our Lord.
 With compassion for all people,
 Jesus healed and taught,
 challenged and comforted,
 welcomed and saved.
 He formed a community,
 promising to be with his disciples
 wherever two or three were gathered,
 and sending them on his mission
 of hope and healing in the world.
 Jesus trusted his life to you,
 and went freely to his death,
 so that the world might be set free from suffering and sin.
 You raised him from death
 and raise us also to live a new life with him.

Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
as a living and holy offering of ourselves,
that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Gracious God,
pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,
that the bread we break
and the cup we bless
may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.
Unite us now at your table.

Let your Spirit empower the life we share
and set on fire our witness to the world.
Give us strength to serve you faithfully
until the promised day of resurrection,
when with all the redeemed who have gone before us,
we will feast with you at your table in glory.

Through Christ,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
with the Holy Spirit in the holy church,
now and forever.



The congregation is seated.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION

All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Please come forward by the center aisle to receive communion.

*Once you have received, please return by the side aisles,
placing your cups in the baskets provided*

The bread of life ... **Thanks be to God or Amen**

The cup of salvation ... **Thanks be to God or Amen**

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Come to the Table of the Lord

Come to the table where the bread is broken.

Come to the table where the word of God is spoken.

And take this bread into your life as a token.

Come to the table of the Lord.

Come to the table and drink this wine.

Come to the table believing in this sign.

Renew your spirit with this food divine.

Come to the table of the Lord.

Hungry and thirsty, we come, Lord to thee.

We humbly bow on bended knee.

Come to the table and dwell in God's light.

Come to the table and kneel before his sight.

Join in communion and know his holy might.

Come to the table of the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God,

may we who have received this sacrament

live in the unity of your Holy Spirit,

that we may show forth your gifts to all the world.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

SENDING

CLOSING SONG 526 | STANDING

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION | STANDING

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Come, Come, Ye Saints

SERVING TODAY

Worship Leaders: Paul Gilmore, Geoff Duffy
Greeters: The Waterston Family, Nancy Holly
Lectors: Scott Martin, Kathy Fink
Prayer Leaders: Maggie Schutz, Isadora Pratt
Communion Elements: Issac and River Lewis
Musicians: Warren Oja (cello), Annie Liu (piano)

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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

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.

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

You can financially support the ministry of WPC in one of the following ways:

- Scan this QR code.
- Place your offering in the offering plate.
- Give online at winnpres.org/give-online.

THIRD GRADE BIBLES

We are continually grateful to the McNair family for providing Bibles to our children and youth. The Bibles are purchased through the Marielouise and Chaloner McNair Bible Fund which they established many years ago.

NEW SEASON OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

A new season of Sunday School (K-6) begins next Sunday. Children come to worship with their families, and then are dismissed to Sunday School following the scripture readings.

BE A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER

We always have a need for Sunday School teachers! All materials are provided. You can teach as little or as much as you would like. Contact Nancy Holly for information.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: SAT @ 10AM

We are excited to introduce our next Bible study, *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts*. If you would like more information or wish to be included in the WPC Women's Bible study communication please contact Nancy Holly.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY @ 11AM

Join Pastor Paul as we take a deep dive each week into the preaching text for the upcoming Sunday. Whether you join us in person or from the comfort of your own living room ... all are welcome!

WE NEED READERS AND GREETERS

We are looking for some new people to volunteer to read scripture and/or lead the prayers during worship. We are also in need of people to volunteer to be greeters. If you are interested, please let Geoff Duffy know.

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