

**December 30, 2012**  
**First Sunday After Christmas**  
**10:45 a.m.**

**Please enter the sanctuary and prepare for worship in silence.**

*He said to them,  
"Why were you searching for me?  
Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"  
(Luke 2:49)*

**GATHERING TOGETHER**

Carol Singing

150 *See Amid the Winter's Snow*

178 *Mary Had a Baby*

159 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

Welcome

Call to Worship

*The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.*

*We have beheld his glory. Alleluia!*

*A child has been born for us,*

*A son given to us'*

*Authority rests upon his shoulder, and he is named;*

*Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace*

\*Carol 188

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

GO TELL IT

Invocation

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

Holy Scripture

Hebrew Scripture

Psalm 148 (p.508)

Epistle

Colossians 3:12-17 (p.958)

The Word of the Lord!

***Thanks be to God!***

Special Music

*Joy to the World*

G.F. Handel, arr. McDonald/Wood

Time with Children

\*Carol 171

*What Child is This, Who, Laid to Rest*

*Children should return to their seats; there are no classes today).*

Sermon

*First Words*

Luke 2:42-52

**RESPONSE**

Prayers of the Church and the Lord's Prayer (sins)

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*On Christmas Night/Ding Dong! Merrily on High!*

Sussex Carol/French Carol  
arr. D. Burton/K. Robertson

\*Response 151 (verse 4)

***What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;  
Yet what I can I give him; give my heart.***

\*Prayer of Dedication

### **GOING FORTH**

\*Hymn 187

*Our Day of Joy is Here Again*

\*Benediction

\*Threefold Amen

\*Bell Tolling

\*Postlude

*Following the Postlude and during the coffee hour, a Stephen Minister will be available near the stained glass windows for anyone interested in individual prayer.*

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

### **Remaining Holiday Schedule**

Monday, December 31, New Year's Eve Communion, 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 6, Worship at 10:45 (no early worship or formation)

Welcome! We pray that you will experience anew the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ as we worship together. Our thanks to Tom and Jane Rivi, sanctuary greeters, Steve Fogel, Eric Fogel, Hal Jenkins, Kathleen Jenkins, Norm Johnson, ushers; Joan Wallgren, Scripture Reader; Cam and Linnea Johnson and Britta and Dane Johnson, coffee hosts; Mary Nilsen (organ) and Brittany Smith (harp).

### **WINNETKA COVENANT CHURCH**

**December 30, 2012**

#### **TODAY IN OUR CHURCH**

If you are visiting today, welcome! Please join us in the narthex immediately following worship for coffee and conversation.

10:45 a.m.

Worship

Confirmation and High League are not meeting.

#### **MONDAY—DECEMBER 31—New Year's Eve**

6:00 p.m.

New Year's Eve Service of Holy Communion

#### **TUESDAY—JANUARY 1—New Year's Day**

The Church office will be closed.

7:00 p.m.

Mens Basketball

#### **WEDNESDAY—JANUARY 2**

10:00 a.m.

Staff meeting

6:45 p.m.

Choir rehearsal

There are no regular Wednesday night activities this week.

#### **THURSDAY—JANUARY 3**

1:00 p.m.

Community Kitchen—food preparation in our church kitchen. All are welcome.

### **SATURDAY—JANUARY 5**

8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship

### **SUNDAY—JANUARY 6**

There will be no Early Worship or Christian Formation)  
10:45 a.m. Worship  
6:00 p.m. Confirmation  
6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Potluck  
7:00 p.m. High League  
Family Promise arrives at WCC

### **ADVANCE CALENDAR**

Fridays, January 11-February 22, 6:30-9:00 p.m. **The Marriage Course**—Seven nights set in a fantastic atmosphere...Candlelight dinner at a table for two...Listening to practical talks that are informative and fun, played on DVD and facilitated by a couple...No group sharing...Time for just the two of you...Free child care. For more information/registration, visit [www.winnetkacovenant.org](http://www.winnetkacovenant.org), or call 847 446-4300. \$25 per couple for the entire course, includes dinner, child care and materials. Flyers and postcards are available in the narthex for you to share with friends and neighbors. Anyone is welcome!

### **NOTICES**

Larger print copies of the morning hymns are available on the table in the back of the church near the sound booth. Children's bulletins are also available in the narthex. Please help yourself as needed.

**Offering envelopes** for use in 2013 are available to pick up in the narthex after the worship service.

There are opportunities to volunteer for Family Promise at our church, January 6-13. You may sign up in the narthex today.

Please check the Christmas Post Office table in the narthex today to see if you have any Christmas cards to pick up.

The Worship Committee is excited about displaying the Stations of the Cross once again this Lenten season. We will be working again with artists and authors to produce new works of religious art and written reflections. If you are interested in creating art, writing a reflection, or participating in meditative music, please contact Kurt Peterson at [peterpunkurtw@gmail.com](mailto:peterpunkurtw@gmail.com) or 312.218-5545 as soon as possible

Thank you to the Winnetka Covenant artists who contributed artwork for the current **Advent Art Exhibit**. The artwork is displayed in the narthex until the first week of January.

**The Story:** A journey together into the story of God's love, continues Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m., and Sundays, 9:30 a.m. *The Story* is scripture condensed into 31 accessible chapters, allowing the stories, poems and teachings of the Bible to read like a novel. Materials will be provided. All are welcome.

"When we honestly ask ourselves which person in our lives means the most to us, we often find that it is those who, instead of giving advice, solutions, or cures, have chosen rather to share our pain and touch our wounds with a warm and tender hand." *Henri Nouwen*

### **Stephen Ministry of Winnetka Covenant Church.**

*Please contact one of our pastors or a Stephen Ministry leader if you would like more information.*

**Texts for next week:** Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

**Straight talk about Financial Stewardship** – Thank you for your financial gifts to WCC so far in 2012. At this point, we have covered just over 89% of our planned 2012 budget. In real dollars, this means we need about 120K more to meet our budget. Our church relies on generous December giving from you, including fulfilling your pledges. Please do not overlook your commitment to support our church financially. It is up to your generous giving, talents, special gifts and faith to maintain our programs, missions, staff and church all year.

May I also remind you that 2014 pledges are also being collected. We have many new pledges and still many who have yet to pledge. You can pledge online or send your pledge card to the church office.

Thank you for your financial attention to the needs of our church and your ongoing commitment to our mission.

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**Ministers to the Congregation**

*Peter Hawkinson, Pastor*  
*Andrea Johnson, Pastor of Discipleship and Outreach*  
*Christy Bouris, Youth Pastor*  
*Arthur A.R. Nelson, Parish Associate*  
*Dawn Pegis, Director of Music*  
*Dominic German, Music Intern*  
*Joshua Smith, Organist*  
*The Stephen Ministers*

*Our mission is to be a Christian community and to proclaim the gospel, worshiping together in love, nurturing people in the faith, serving others as Christian disciples, and building a world of justice and hope in the name of Christ.*

**At Winnetka Covenant Church:**

*We hold grace as our highest value.*  
*We practice honest, open, direct communication.*  
*We speak the truth in love and listen in love.*  
*We believe the best about each other, valuing others above ourselves, as Christ does.*  
*We allow room for mistakes, acknowledging that mistakes are part of the growth process.*