

February 24, 2013
Second Sunday of Lent
10:45 a.m.

Please enter the sanctuary and prepare for worship in silence.

*The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
(Psalm 27:1)*

*At the very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you."
He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today
and tomorrow, and on the third day I must finish my work."
(Luke 13:31-32)*

*Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and my crown,
stand firm in the Lord...
(Philippians 4:1)*

GATHERING

Prelude

Greeting and Life of the Church

Please sign the red pad at the end of the pew and pass it along the row.

Call to Worship—Psalm 27:1-8, 13-14

*Hymn 464 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" EIN FESTE BURG

*Common Prayer (St. Augustine, 354-430)

**Come Lord, work upon us,
Set us on fire and hold us close,
Be fragrant to us,
Draw us to your love,
Let us run to you. Amen.**

WORD AND SPIRIT

Hebrew Scripture Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 (p.10)

The Epistle Philippians 3:17-4:1 (p.955)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem "*The Lord is My Light*" Craig Courtney

Youth Group Proposes "Technology Fast" – by Hawkinson & Peterson

*The Gospel of Jesus Christ

Luke 13:31-55

*Hymn 437

"How Firm a Foundation"

FOUNDATION

Children through second grade are dismissed for classes.

Sermon

No Turning Back, No Turning Back

Peter Hawkinson

RESPONSE

Hymn 469

"How Can I Keep from Singing?"

ENDLESS SONG

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

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

The Mission of the Church

Worship of Giving

*Response (222, verse 4)

***Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an off'ring far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all. Amen.***

*Prayer of Dedication

GOING FORTH

*Charge

*Sung Benediction

***Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day.
Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.
Celebrate and share the joy! Celebrate new life!
Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.***

*Tolling

Postlude

**Please stand as you are able.*

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.

Welcome! We pray that you will experience anew the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ as we worship together.

Our thanks to Kat and Luke Knotts, sanctuary greeters, Jed Bassett, Norm Johnson, Barbara Scheibe, Dave Scheibe, Harold Spooner, ushers; Tom Johnson, Scripture Reader; Nancy and Hugh Magill and Jane and Tom Rivi, coffee hosts; and Nancy Magill (piano).

The altar arrangement signifies the second temptation of Christ from Matthew 4.

WINNETKA COVENANT CHURCH
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TODAY IN OUR CHURCH

- If you are visiting today, welcome! Please join us in the narthex immediately following worship for coffee and conversation.
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages. For children, *Rotation Sunday School: The Prodigal Son*. For High School students: Book Group in Christy's office. For adults, *The Story*, in Room 203, and *Losers in the Bible: Recognizing ourselves within the stories* led by Brian Madvig.
- 10:45 a.m. Worship
- 12 noon Mission Trip Informational meeting in the library
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation
- 7:00 p.m. High League

MONDAY—FEBRUARY 25

- 3:30 p.m. Junior High Merge

TUESDAY—FEBRUARY 26

- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 9:45 a.m. Playgroup. All are welcome. Contact: Kira Johnson.
- 7:00 p.m. Mens Basketball
- 7:00 p.m. Wedding Shower for Britta Olson in the narthex. All women in the church are welcome to attend.

WEDNESDAY—FEBRUARY 27

- 10:00 a.m. Staff meeting
- 5-5:30 p.m. Music 4 Kids - Choir Room - age 5 - 5th grade; instruments and songs
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner: Tacos. All are welcome.
Cost: \$3.50/adult; \$2.50/child or \$10/family.
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bell Choir rehearsal
- 6:15 p.m. Singing, Skits and Scripture in the Upper Room. All are welcome.
- 6:45 p.m. Programs for all ages, ending at 7:45 p.m. Explorers (ages 2-3); Voyagers (ages 4-Kindergarten); Pathfinders (grades 1-2); Trailblazers (grades 3-5); Junior High
- 6:45 p.m. Life & Faith Conversations in the Prayer Room. Topic: Anxiety
- 6:45 p.m. The Story in Room 203
- 6:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal

THURSDAY—FEBRUARY 28

- 12 noon Womens Sharing Group will meet at Bakers Square. All are welcome. Contact: Marian Eckhardt.
- 1:00 p.m. Womens Bible Study-*Jonah, Navigating a Life Interrupted* by Priscilla Shirer. All are welcome. Contact: Claire Macfarland.

FRIDAY—MARCH 1

- 6-8:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross. Art Nelson, baritone; Janet Eckhardt, piano; Dawn Pegis, soprano

SATURDAY—MARCH 2

- 8:00 a.m. Mens Fellowship
- 9:30 a.m. Wedding shower for Lindsay Macfarland in the narthex. All women of the church are invited to attend.

SUNDAY—MARCH 3

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages. For children, *Rotation Sunday School: The Prodigal Son*. For High School students: Book Group in Christy's office; For adults, *The Story*, in Room 203, and *Losers in the Bible: Recognizing ourselves within the stories*, led by Brian Madvig.

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ADVANCE CALENDAR

Tuesday, March 5, 7 p.m. -- **All Boards and Committees meet.** Gather first in the Sanctuary.

March 8 (7-9 p.m.) and 9 (8:30-noon) **Veritas workshop.** Sign up today in the narthex.

Saturday, March 9, 1:30-4:30 p.m. **Chicago Food Depository.** Volunteer to support the North Park Friendship Center food bank. This is a fun opportunity for adults and teens to serve. Long pants and close-toed shoes required. Age 13 and up. Sign up online (www.winnetkacovenant.org) or on the bulletin board outside of the church kitchen.

March 15-17. **Men's Retreat at Covenant Harbor.** To register or for more information, go to www.lumunos.org. All men are welcome to attend.

Saturday, April 20. **Rummage Sale.** Donations may be dropped off on the stage beginning Monday, April 8.

July 13-20, 2013. **Intergenerational Mission Trip** to Covenant Mountain Mission in Jonesville, Virginia. In informational meeting will be held today in the library immediately following worship.

NOTICES

The March issue of Network is available to pick up in the narthex today following the worship service.

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.

The Worship Committee is excited about displaying the **Stations of the Cross** once again this Lenten season. Join us on Fridays from 6-8:00 p.m., through Good Friday, March 29. All are welcome.

If you would like to provide **chancel flowers** for a Sunday morning, a sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board across from the church office. These may be in honor or in memory of someone if you wish. Questions, please contact the church office.

Flowers for Easter Sunday can be ordered today. Blue hydrangea (\$20), yellow Rieger begonia (\$10) and lilies (\$15) are available. These may be in honor or in memory of someone if you wish. The flowers will be in the sanctuary and narthex Easter morning and you can take yours home after worship. Order forms are available today in the narthex.

Our church participates in the "every member subscription plan" for the **Covenant Companion**, meaning that we provide subscriptions to the magazine for each member family at a reduced rate of \$18. We ask families who are able to please reimburse the church for the cost of your subscription. Checks can be made payable to Winnetka Covenant Church with "Covenant Companion" noted on the check and left in the offering plate or mailed to the church office. Thank you.

Music 4 Kids - Yes! we are up and running. Activities for our 5 yr. old - 5th graders (Wednesdays when there is dinner). We explore rhythm, instruments, song, movement, notation, canons in hymnal, anthem tunes - all in the context of worshipping God and at a level that whoever comes can PARTICIPATE!, learn and have fun.

Worship Update: We have returned to one worship service, beginning at 10:45. Please take note of this change in schedule.

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.

Do you like to cook? Consider making one of our Wednesday night dinners in the coming months. A number of weeks are currently unspoken for through May. Yes, it's for a large group, but there is plenty of help with determining quantities, shopping, preparation and clean-up. It's a great way to use your gifts to serve the church! Contact Mary Beth Kovacic.

A Caring Companion. Wonderful anytime. Essential sometimes. Need a companion, someone to talk to, to listen, to pray with, to be supportive, to just be with? Consider a Stephen Minister. Ours is a loving and strictly confidential ministry designed to provide companionship in difficult times. Contact one of our pastors who can answer questions and/or direct you to a Stephen Ministry leader.

Central Conference Women Ministries Spring Celebration is scheduled to be held on March 15 & 16 at Zion Covenant Church in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. A flyer with a listing of the schedule and all of the break-out session topics is posted on the bulletin board along the main hallway. Registration can be done online at www.wmcc2gether.com or mail-in forms are posted on the bulletin board.

Taste of Family Promise & Community Dinner will be held Sunday, March 3 at Northfield Community Church (400 Wagner Rd.) in celebration of the 3rd anniversary of service to families. Featured will be live music, food from the many congregations that serve our guests, and raffles and fun for the whole family. Donations will be accepted at the door. Proceeds will go towards helping to maintain the mission of helping families return to stability. Questions, contact Tracy@fpcnorthshore.org).

Texts for next week: Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Those in need

Sue Abram

Les Anderson (brother of Fern Andersen)

Ruby Anderson

Daniel Bradley (son of Gayle Bradley Johnson)

Curtis (friend of Scott Edwards)

Ray Dahlberg (brother of Marj Hanson)

Carolyn Donnan (sister of Carl Balsam)

Jacqueline Dye (sister of Nancy Carroll)

Vivian Edstrom

JoAnna Haak (daughter of Cleo Constantin)

Family of Norton Hoffburg (friend of Maria Moreno)

Joanna (friend of Alisa Siebrasse)

Connie Jackson (sister of Marti Crow)

Frank Kassen

Aaron Klaassen (nephew of Nancy Magill)

Molly (granddaughter of Marti Crow)

Mary Nilsen

Deb O'Donovan

Dwight Peterson (brother of Bonnie Hawkinson and Kurt Peterson)

Susan Schmitt

Jonathan Schwartz (brother of Mike Schwartz)

Richard Spears

Elfrieda Sudhoff (mother of Steve Sudhoff)

Judy Tenglin (friend of Karen Larsen)

Roger Vanoer

Kathleen Hanson Zavatsky (sister of Cindy Buettgen, John Hanson and Pamela Hanson)
Stephen Ministers and those for whom they care
Our nation and leaders

Those serving in the military:

Chris Haak (grandson of Cleo Constantin)
Ryan Hengell (nephew of Phil and Barbara Kazanjian)
Chris Hillman (friend of Bill & Sue Kelly)
Bill Kelly
Peter Sudhoff

Those we support who are serving on the mission field:

Kara Bladel (Alaska)
Christine Buettgen (Democratic Republic of Congo)
Don and Lillian Dwight (Taiwan)
Brittany Girle (Juarez, Mexico)
Pamela Hanson (Honduras, on home assignment)
Julio and Katie Isaza (Colombia)
Peter and Anna Kim (China)
Jamie and Erica Rose (Alaska)
Gary and Mary Lou Sander (Colombia)
James and Rachel Ventress (Alaska)

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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.*