

**January 13, 2013**  
**First Sunday After Epiphany**  
**10:45 a.m.**

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

*Nothing we do here is a private matter between us and God.  
Like Jesus in the river, this is something we do in communion,  
with all humankind.*

**GATHER**

Prelude

Greeting and Life of Our Church

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

Call to Worship

We begin our worship today, as the Epiphany season unfolds, praising God made visible in His Son Jesus, and reaffirming our delight in worship singing doxology and speaking scripture's words of praise and thanksgiving.

Choir: All people that on earth do dwell  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
Him serve with mirth, his praise forthtell;  
Come ye before him and rejoice!

Pastor: Know that the Lord is God. It is God who made us, and not ourselves.

All: **We are the Lord's, the people of God, the sheep of God's pasture.**  
(Psalm 100:3, adapt.)

Choir: O enter then his gates with praise,  
Approach with joy his courts unto;  
Praise, laud and bless his name always,  
For it is seemly so to do.

Pastor: I was glad when I heard them say: "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

All: **And now our feet are standing within your gates, O God!** (Psalm 122:1-2 adapt)

Organ Interlude

\*All: (Congregation singing)

***We'll crowd thy gates with thankful songs,  
High as the heavens our voices raise;  
And earth with her ten thousand tongues,  
Shall fill thy courts with sounding praise!***

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!  
Praise him, all creatures here below!  
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts!  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.***

\*Pastor: We gather to hear the God of prayer's silent voice, and scripture's enduring Wisdom, to serve the God of the Holy Spirit's visits, to love our God of all time and all people, to relish the story and presence of Jesus in our world.

\*Hymn 175

*"Once in Royal David's City"*

\*Invocation



**WINNETKA COVENANT CHURCH**  
**January 13, 2013**

**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  
6:00 p.m.      Confirmation  
7:00 p.m.      High League

**MONDAY—JANUARY 14**

3:30 p.m.      Junior High Merge

**TUESDAY—JANUARY 15**

9:30 a.m.      Women's Bible Study  
9:45 a.m.      Playgroup. All are welcome. Contact: Kira Johnson, kiraj23@att.net  
2:15 p.m.      Covenant Village Fellowship  
7:00 p.m.      Mens Basketball

**WEDNESDAY—JANUARY 16**

10:00 a.m.      Staff meeting  
5:30 p.m.      Wednesday Night Dinner. All are welcome. Cost: \$3.50/adult; \$2.50/child or \$10/family.  
Cleanup: Book Group.  
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 Conversation. Topic this week: The News  
6:45 p.m.      The Story in Room 203  
6:45 p.m.      Choir rehearsal

**THURSDAY—JANUARY 17**

1:00 p.m.      Community Kitchen—food preparation in our church kitchen. All are welcome. Contact: Ted Garrison (847) 509-9811.  
4:30 p.m.      Those serving at the community kitchen depart church

**FRIDAY—JANUARY 18**

Junior High depart for Deep Freeze retreat at Covenant Harbor.  
6:30-9 p.m.      The Marriage Course (second of seven nights)

**SATURDAY—JANUARY 19**

8:00 a.m.      Men's Fellowship  
2-6:00 p.m.      Volleyball in fellowship hall with the Chinese students. Contact: Pauline Wang

**SUNDAY—JANUARY 20**

8:30 a.m.      Worship and Holy Communion  
9:30 a.m.      Sunday School for all ages. For children, *Rotation Sunday School: The Good Samaritan*. For adults, *The Story*, in Room 203, and *The Wisdom of the Megilloth: Song of Songs, Ruth, Ecclesiastes, Lamentations, and Esther* led by Paul Koptak in the Upper Room.  
10:45 a.m.      Worship  
Confirmation will NOT be meeting  
7:00 p.m.      High League—North Side Youth Collision

## **ADVANCE CALENDAR**

Monday, January 21. All articles for the February issue of Network are due in the church office. If submitting by email, please send to [wccjoanwallgren@gmail.com](mailto:wccjoanwallgren@gmail.com)

Wednesday, January 30, **WCC Annual meeting.** Dinner at 5:30, Meeting begins at 6 p.m. Children's programs through Junior High will happen as usual.

February 1-3. Women's Retreat at Covenant Harbor

Saturday, February 9, 11 a.m. Memorial service at WCC for Marilyn Drotts.

Wednesday, February 13, **Ash Wednesday.** 6 pm-Soup Supper; 7 pm-Service

Sunday, February 17, evening. Moody Chorale concert at WCC. More details to come.

February 22-24. Trailblazer Retreat. Registrations are due January 16.

## **NOTICES**

With joy we announce the birth of Carson Wayne Evenhouse, born Thursday, January 10 to Jenny and Kevin Evenhouse. Carson joins brother Nolan at home. Ray and Fran Wallgren are the proud great grandparents.

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. 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 [petersonkurtw@gmail.com](mailto:petersonkurtw@gmail.com) or 312.218-5545 as soon as possible.

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

If you would like to provide flowers in the sanctuary 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.

**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 from January 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: 847-251-8651, [mkovacic@northpark.edu](mailto:mkovacic@northpark.edu).

**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.

**Texts for next week:** Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

**Straight talk about Financial Stewardship** - Thank you for your financial gifts to WCC in 2012. At this point, we have covered 95% of our planned 2012 budget with your generous contributions. In real dollars, this means we are about \$60K short of our 2012 budgeted plan. Fortunately, our actual 2012 expenses will be less than our planned budget. However, we still expect to be short of covering our actual expenses in 2012.

It is never too late to help. Please do not overlook your commitment to support our church financially and help us start strong in 2013. Your generous contribution in January can help us make up our 2012 deficit. It is up to your generous giving, talents, special gifts and faith that helps us maintain our programs, missions, staff and church all year.

The 2013 pledges are still being collected. We still have many who have pledged in the past, but have not submitted a pledge for 2013. Please submit your pledge online or send to the church office TODAY.

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

#### **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

##### ***Those in need***

Sue Abram

Elsie Anderson

Lee Borre

John Breidenbach

Richard Carlson (nephew of Jean Larsen)

Curtis (friend of Scott Edwards)

Kristen Dahl (daughter of Eleanor and Peter Milbratz)

Ray Dahlberg (brother of Marj Hanson)

Carolyn Donnan (sister of Carl Balsam)

Jacqueline Dye (sister of Nancy Carroll)

Family of Marilyn Drotts (former member)

JoAnna Haak (daughter of Cleo Constantin)

Norton Hoffburg (friend of Maria Moreno)

Joanna (friend of Alisa Siebrasse)

Connie Jackson (sister of Marti Crow)

Doug Johnson (uncle of Aimee Balsam and Dane Johnson)

Frank Kassen

Aaron Klaassen (nephew of Nancy Magill)

Marlene Larson (friend of Mary Nilsen)

David Lopata (friend of Dave and Maria Moreno)

Paul Nilsen

Dwight Peterson (brother of Bonnie Hawkinson and Kurt Peterson)

Jonathan Schwartz (brother of Mike Schwartz)

Ruth Seaver (sister of Judy Ebright)

Susan Magill Smith (sister of Hugh Magill)

Doris Storm

Roger Vanoer

Rick Voit

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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**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.*