

January 20, 2013
Second Sunday After Epiphany
10:45 a.m.

Please enter the sanctuary and prepare for worship in silence.

*Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee,
and revealed his glory;
and his disciples believed in him.
(John 2:11)*

The meaning of the story is not that Jesus took plain drinking water and turned it into delightful wine.

*Rather, the issue here is purification, making oneself right with God. Justification. How does one get close to God? Jesus has, in this story, transferred us from one means of getting close to God—the rituals of purification as specified in Torah—to himself. He has become, in this story, the new path to God.
(William Willimon)*

GATHERING

Prelude

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

Call to Worship (Psalm 36:7,9)

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

for with you is the fountain of life.

In your light we see light.

*Hymn 512

"Come, Celebrate the Presence of the Lord"

OVER TEXAS

*Invocation

WORD AND SPIRIT

The Reading of God's Word

Hebrew Scripture

Isaiah 62:1-5 (p.604)

Gospel

John 2:1-11 (p.863)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem

"Psalm of Celebration"

Mark Hayes

Time with Children

Hymn 317

"Beautiful Savior"

CRUSADERS HYMN

Children through second grade are dismissed for classes.

Proclamation

Revealed Glory

Peter Hawkinson

RESPONSE

Silence

*Hymn 41

"Worthy is the Lamb"

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

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Response (Silver 9, sung twice)

Bless the Lord, O My Soul,

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And all that is within me bless his Holy name.

*Prayer of Dedication

GOING FORTH

*Hymn 498

"I Sing With Joy and Gladness"

JOYFUL PILGRIM

*Charge

*Benediction

*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 Dave and Barb Scheibe, sanctuary greeters, Bob Braun, Hal Jenkins, Kathleen Jenkins, Sam Paravonian, Rick Schultz, ushers; Joyce Shelton, Scripture Reader; Polly and Rich McClellan, Pauline Wang and Kim Johnson, coffee hosts; and Nancy Magill (piano).

The chancel flowers are given by Frank Kassen in honor of his wife, Alice's special birthday.

WINNETKA COVENANT CHURCH

January 20, 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

Junior High return home from their retreat

Confirmation will not be meeting

5:30 p.m.

High League—North Side Youth Collision

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.

TUESDAY—JANUARY 22

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

WEDNESDAY—JANUARY 23

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: The Story.
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: Family. Group meets in the Prayer Room.
6:45 p.m. The Story in Room 203
6:45 p.m. Choir rehearsal

THURSDAY—JANUARY 24

12 noon Women's 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—JANUARY 25

6:30-9 p.m. The Marriage Course

SATURDAY—JANUARY 26

8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship

SUNDAY—JANUARY 27

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

ADVANCE CALENDAR

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-Worship

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

February 22-24. Trailblazer Retreat.

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.

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 as soon as possible.

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

Copies of the proposed budget for 2013 are available for you to pick up in the narthex today.

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.

Struggling through one of life's storms? Consider a Stephen Minister. We're companions, listeners, prayer partners. We're there to walk alongside you through the difficult times. And our relationships are strictly confidential. Contact one of our pastors to learn more or to be directed to a Stephen Ministry Leader.

Texts for next week: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

Straight talk about WCC Finances - Thank you for helping us meet our 2012 expenses! Yes, our collective 2012 financial gifts, special funds and other receipts covered 100% of our operating expenses and special projects in 2012. We did not meet the approved 2012 budget, however, there were several factors that kept our expenses under budget. Details will be provided in our 2012 annual report.

Your generous contributions in 2012 helped us meet our expenses and fund the many programs we support. It is up to your generous giving, talents, special gifts and faith that helps us maintain and grow our programs and missions each year. Our community recognizes the value of WCC everyday and many of us want to do more.

As we prepare our plans for 2013, you can help. Please be active in this process and dialog with our committees and church leadership. What is your passion? Make a 2013 pledge to support our mission. If you haven't already, 2013 pledges are still being collected. Our collective pledges help us plan our mission and program growth. Please submit your pledge online or send to the church office.

Finally, at our Annual Meeting January 30, we will review our complete 2012 finances and vote on our 2013 budget. Please come and participate.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Those in need

Sue Abram
Les Andersen (brother of Fern Andersen)
Daniel Bradley (son of Gayle Bradley Johnson)
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)
Phyllis Morris
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
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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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.