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**GIVING:** Online giving is available and is appreciated as we will still have our regular operating costs and bills. Please mail in your giving to P.O. Box 695 5 W. Washington St. Oswego IL 60543 or use our E giving for online giving <https://giving.ncsservices.org/app/giving/goodshepherdoswego> which can also be found on our website under the giving tab. ~ Thank you!

A new **ACE class** will begin on **Sunday, January 29, at 9:30** in the **Meditation Room** entitled *A Guiding Light* by John Birch. Christians tend to think of guidance in terms of questions such as “What should I be doing with my life!” “Am I in the right job?”, “Am I in the right relationship?”, “W 5523hich Church should I go to?” and no doubt many more! This study examines the theme of guidance, looking at Scripture and using examples of famous guides from history to inform our discussion. It starts with an assumption that those reading this study are amenable to God offering guidance in their lives. Contact Janet McCarty, who will be leading the study, for a free pdf downloadable copy or to request a hard copy – [jmmccarty70@gmail.com](mailto:jmmccarty70@gmail.com) or 630-636-7233.

**PRAYER BLANKETS:** It’s time to make **Prayer Blankets** again. We will meet on Tuesday, January 24th, from 9-11 in the big Sunday School Room. All are welcome to help. Please bring a pair of scissors suitable to cut fleece.

**YEAR END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** will be sent out electronically. If you would like to have a paper copy mailed to you, please contact the office (630-554-3269) and we will send one to you. \* If you currently receive the River Spirit and other communications from the paper mailing list, you will be sent your statement in the mail automatically\*. Thanks!

**LITTLE SHEPHERD PRESCHOOL** Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is open for church families and opens to the general public on January 28<sup>th</sup> at 9am. If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Sidhu at [littleshepherdps@sbcglobal.net](mailto:little shepherdps@sbcglobal.net)



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“OPEN HEARTS. OPEN MINDS. OPEN DOORS.”

**January 22, 2023**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

*WELCOME! We are happy you came to worship with us today. If you would like to join our mailing list please subscribe on our website. [www.goodshepherdoswego.org](http://www.goodshepherdoswego.org)*

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PRELUDE *In Times Like These* Cheryl Todd

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WORSHIP IS CELEBRATING GOD'S LOVE AND POWER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Yahweh is my light and my salvation, whom need I fear?

**People: Yahweh is the fortress of my life, of whom should I be afraid?**

Leader: One thing I ask of Yahweh, one thing I seek:

**People: To live in the house of Yahweh all the days of my life.**

Leader: And now my head is held high over the enemies who surround me.

**People: So will I acclaim God with sacrifice and sing a psalm of praise to the Lord. +**

SPECIAL MUSIC *This is Amazing Grace* Reborn

WORSHIP IS SHARING AND PRAYING

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Leader: "Lord, in your mercy"

**People: "Hear our prayer"**

HYMN 173 *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

If we claim to possess the light, but hide it under a bushel, of what use is such wisdom to the world? If we rest secure in our abundance, while all about us others go hungry and their lives are imperiled, what has become of our call to share the good news? You know our inmost selves, O God. We cannot hide from you. Forgive our betrayal of your Son, and restore us to fellowship with him. **Amen. +**

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORDS PRAYER #895

WORSHIP IS HEARING GOD'S WORD

CHOIR ANTHEM *How Great Thou Art*

SCRIPTURE: Jonah 3:1-5,10, \*Matthew 4:12-23 Kim Mattern

SERMON: *With Malice Toward None* Rev. Steve Good

WORSHIP IS WITNESSING TO THE WORLD

HYMN *Blessed Assurance*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* Cheryl Todd

+ Kirk When We Gather

*Let Go* music and lyrics by Jon Conover

"In Times Like These". Written by Ruth Caye Jones and arranged by Stewart Landon "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" Based on a traditional folk hymn, arranged by Benton Price

### Jonah 3:1-5,10 NRSV updated edition

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

### Matthew 4:12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—  
the people who sat in darkness  
have seen a great light,  
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death  
light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.