



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Seek, Serve, Embrace | Engaging with neighbors near and far in Christ's love

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Second Sunday After Epiphany | January 19, 2025, 10:00 am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Chromatic Fantasia in D Minor" | *Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We praise you, God, for the diversity of your body.

By God's Spirit, we are one.

From diverse backgrounds and diverse places,

by God's Spirit, we are one.

From diverse cultures and diverse generations,

by God's Spirit, we are one.

From diverse questions and diverse dreams,

by God's Spirit, we are one.

We celebrate our diversity.

We celebrate our unity.

By God's Spirit, we are one.

Let us lift every voice and sing to the God of Light!

*HYMN NO. 339

"Lift Every Voice and Sing" | *LIFT EVERY VOICE*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,
we confess that we have been led astray by the idols of the world.
We have depended on our possessions
and have not placed our trust in your grace.
We have carelessly consumed the gifts you offer
and have failed to be faithful stewards of the earth's resources.
We have sought security in the might of the sword
rather than the strength of your Holy Spirit.

Forgive us, we pray.

Lead us to true repentance that we may serve you faithfully.

*SILENT CONFESSION

**For those who are able, please stand.*



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Lift Every Voice and Sing

1 Lift ev - ery voice and sing till earth and heav - en
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

ring, ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
 rod, felt in the days when hope un - born had
 tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the

ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening
 died. Yet, with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry
 way; thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the

skies; let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 feet come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
 light, keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh -
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get

us. Fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -
 tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at
 thee; shad - owed be - neath thy hand may we for - ev - er

gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.
 last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Siblings in Christ,
God has lifted us up from all that has pushed us down.

Gone are old names of derision: Forsaken, Loser, Nobody.

Through the gifts of the Holy Spirit,
God calls us by new names:

Wise, Knowing, Faithful, Mystic.

Hear and believe your new name -

**In Jesus Christ,
my name is Forgiven.**

*RESPONSE

“The Steadfast Love of the Lord” | *THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD*

The musical score is written on four staves in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are: "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God's mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning, new every morning; great is your faithfulness, O Lord, great is your faithfulness." The melody is simple and repetitive, with a consistent rhythm of quarter and eighth notes.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

(Offerings added to the Joyful Noise Pail are for mission partner Heifer International)

Children are dismissed to Church School



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON | EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 12: 1-11 | OT p. 174

SECOND LESSON | GOSPEL

John 2: 1-11 | NT p. 93

SERMON

“Joyful Abundance” | *Brian Shivers*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the *Belhar Confession*

We believe unity is both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force; that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways:

**in that we love one another;
that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another;
that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully
to be of benefit and blessing to one another;**

**that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind;
have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit,
are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup,
confess one name, are obedient to one Lord,
work for one cause, and share one hope;**

**together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ;
together are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity;
together know and bear one another's burdens,
thereby fulfilling the law of Christ that we need one another
and upbuild one another, admonishing and comforting one another;
that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness;
pray together;
together serve God in this world;
and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity.**



OFFERING

(please sign the pew pad and pass it to your neighbor)

OFFERTORY

“Maya’s Prayer for Peace” | Tom Trenney (b. 1978)

Father, Mother, God, thank you, thank you
for your presence during the hard and mean days,
for then, for then we have you to lean upon. Thank you.
Father, Mother, God, thank you, thank you
for your presence during the bright and sunny days,
for then we can share that which we have with those who have less.

Father, Mother, God, thank you, thank you
for your presence during the holy, holy days,
for then we are able to celebrate you and our families and our friends.
Father, Mother, God, thank you, thank you.

For those who have no voice, we ask you to speak.
For those who feel unworthy,
we ask you to pour out your love in waterfalls of tenderness.
For those who live in pain, we ask you to bathe them in your river of healing.
For those who are lonely, we ask you to keep them company.
For those who are depressed, we ask you to shower upon them the light of hope!

Father, Mother, God, you, the borderless sea of substance,
we ask you to give all the world that which we need the most: peace.

(poem by Maya Angelou, 1928 - 2014)

*DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**



INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

ANTHEM

"Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" | *Harold Friedell (1905-1958)*

Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in your name
two or three are met together, you are in the midst of them.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Here we touch your garment's hem.

As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,
then with thanks to God the giver break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia! Alleluia! so now bind our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of you,
that by caring, helping, giving, we may be disciples true.
Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve with faith anew.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

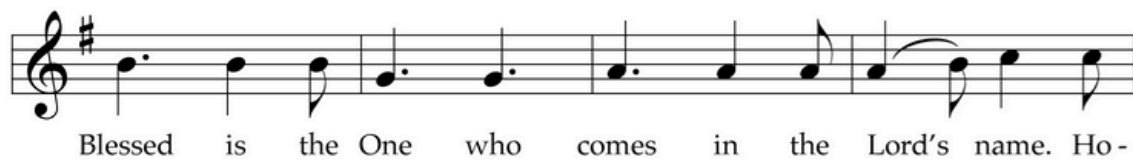
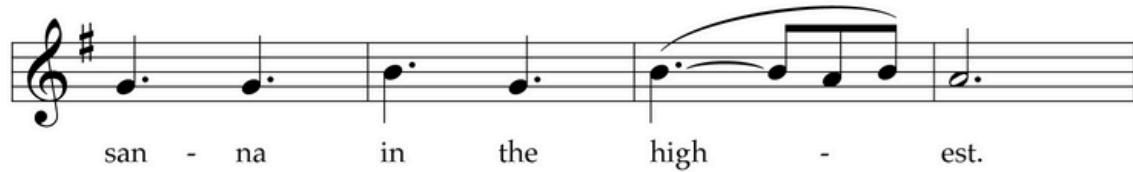
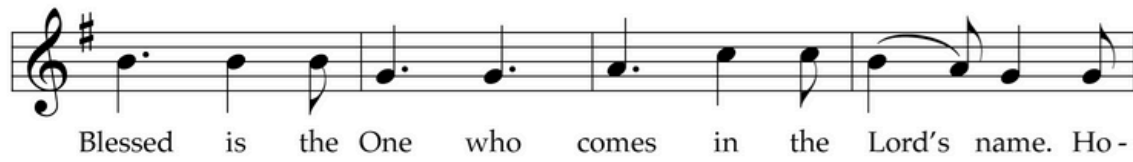
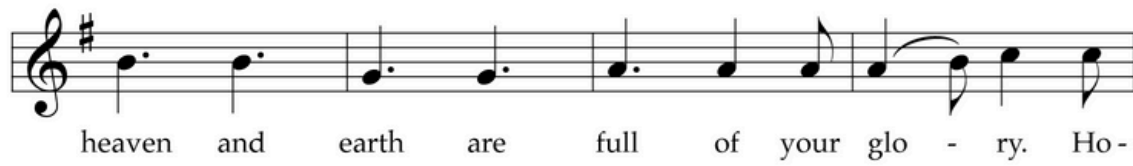
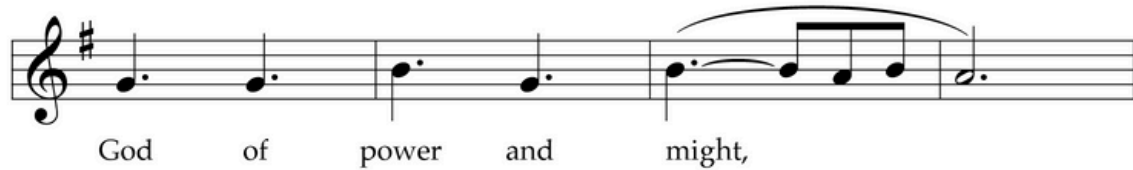
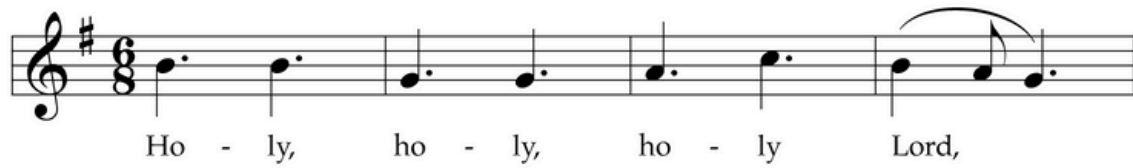
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



HOLY, HOLY, HOLY
SANCTUS (Roberts)



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

All are welcome. All bread is gluten-free.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

“Come, Join in Cana’s Feast” | *Sally Ann Morris (b. 1950)*

Come, join in Cana’s feast where Christ is honored guest.
He welcomes all who come to taste the wine his hands have blessed.
The old wine now is gone from jars that stand apart.
No longer can it satisfy the yearning, thirsting heart.

But Christ, the Word made flesh, bids water turn to wine.
He fills our empty cups again with grace and truth divine.
Come, friends, and share the feast; here drink the wine supplied
By him who is both guest and host; for us, the crucified.

For now he lives and reigns through all eternity
With Father, Spirit, three in one, the glorious Trinity.

“In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful” | *Traditional Taize*

The musical score is written for voice and piano in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful; in the Lord I will re -
joice! Look to God; do not be a - fraid. Lift up your
voic - es; the Lord is near. Lift up your voic - es; the Lord is near." There are triplets in the piano accompaniment on the second and third systems.



PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

We sing a new song to you, Lord.
Through this bread and wine we receive your joyful abundance.
All of creation praises you,
joining with glad voices
to share the good news of Christ's saving birth.
We give thanks for the gifts of this table.
Lead us forth by your light
to share the gifts of your grace
with all people everywhere,
giving glory, honor, and praise
to Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all;
And also with you.

(Worshippers may greet one another with words of Christ's peace.)



WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN

"For Everyone Born" | FOR EVERYONE BORN



1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
2 For sight - ed and blind, a place at the ta - ble,
3 For bo - dies di - verse, a place at the ta - ble,
4 For gay, bi, and straight, a place at the ta - ble,
5 For you and for me, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
for hear - ing and deaf, all brain types and speech;
all man - ner of speech and move - ment and minds;
in - vite - d to wed, to bap - tize and preach
though wound - ed and sore, with need to for - give,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
ac - ces - si - ble space, re - think - ing our lan - guage
en - ab - led to lead and teach us new lang - guage,
a rain - bow of race and gen - der and co - lor
in ang - er, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,
all eag - ger to learn from those who would teach.
for bo - dies di - verse, a church re - de - signed.
for queer, trans, and ace, God's jus - tice in reach.
for you and for me, a new way to live.



Refrain

All

and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and
 joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes,
 God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,
 jus-tice and joy!

Fine

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

And now, may the Spirit's love,
flowing like water across the face of the earth,
 fill you with every gift for the good of the world.

And the blessing of God,
Eternal Source, Fountain of Life, and Giver of Gifts,
 be with you always.
Amen.

POSTLUDE

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" | *George N. Allen (1812-1877), arr. Marilyn Rinehart*

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*
 Roz and Wes Lancaster | *Liturgists*
 Marko Petričić | *Organist*
 Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*
 Rebekah Ryan | *Liturgist*
 Elisabeth Kleinsmith | *Soprano*
 Chancel Choir

Quartet: Morgan Bernat, Katie Ray, Benjamin Plunkett, Sam Spade

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IN WORSHIP

This morning our first hymn is the official song of the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) and is referred to as “The Black National Anthem,” Hymn No. 339 “Lift Every Voice and Sing.” The hymn was written in 1900 by Florida-born brothers James Weldon and J. Rosamond Johnson. It began as a poem James wrote in honor of Booker T. Washington. He asked his brother Weldon to write the music, and it was first heard in the school where James served as principal when 500 children sang it to celebrate Abraham Lincoln’s birthday. At the turn of the 20th century, Johnson’s lyrics eloquently captured the solemn yet hopeful appeal for the liberty of black Americans. Set against the religious invocation of God and the promise of freedom, the song was later adopted by the NAACP and prominently used as a rallying cry during the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s. Through the years, this song has become an anthem of justice and has strengthened communities in prayer and protest, pain and uplift.

Today’s Offertory, “Maya’s Prayer for Peace,” is a setting of Maya Angelou’s poem Prayer by Tom Trenney. This soulful arrangement is set for soloist and piano, using a time signature of 6/8. The piece begins with a series of heartfelt thanks. The middle section then includes a series of petitions – for those who have no voice, those who feel unworthy, those who live in pain, those who are lonely, and those who are depressed. The music of the first section reappears, and the piece closes with a prayer for peace. Poet and civil rights activist Maya Angelou (1928 – 2014) gained international fame with her 1969 book, *Why the Caged Bird Sings*. The first in a seven-volume series, it is a coming-of-age story of how strength of character and a love of literature can help overcome racism and trauma. Some of our worshippers may recall her poem “On the Pulse of the Morning,” which she read at Bill Clinton’s presidential inauguration in 1998. Composer Tom Trenney is organist and conductor at First Plymouth Congregational Church in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Today’s final hymn is the well-loved “For Everyone Born.” The text of the hymn was written in 1998 by New Zealander Shirley Murray. Murray’s intention was to make sure everyone knows they are welcome at the table, to celebrate the gifts of diversity, and to challenge us when we limit who’s welcome. In the 27 years since it’s publishing, many churches in the Reformed tradition, like Northminster, have been intentional about not using dualistic language, which leaves a lot of people out. This morning, we sing Murray’s text in stanza 1. The remaining stanzas were written by Avery Arden, a 2019 graduate of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, now a theologian and writer living in Atlanta, Georgia. Arden has changed the text, which we use with their permission, to include ALL of God’s people celebrating the rich diversity beyond binaries, creating space for fluidity and creativity, and respecting all person’s self-expression/identity. A brief explanation for stanza four – “for queer, trans, and ace, God’s justice in reach”: the word “queer” is one that has carried negative connotations in the past and has been reclaimed by many LGBTQIA2S+ folks as an umbrella term to be celebrated, and “ace” is the current parlance for those who identify as/are asexual. If you are interested in Avery Arden’s worship website, visit binarybreakingworship.com.



Events and Announcements

Becoming Better Neighbors: BRVA | Jan. 22nd | 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Join us as we welcome Jordan Dillon, Executive Director of the Broad Ripple Village Association to share what's going on in our own neck of the woods including new developments, plans, challenges, and opportunities!

January Mission Collection for Westminster

The Mission Team is collecting pasta for our mission partner, Westminster Neighborhood Services, for the month of January! Donate boxes of pasta (spaghetti, noodles, any other pasta) to the yellow bin in The Gathering Place.

Becoming Better Neighbors: Joy's House | Jan. 29th | 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Our Wednesday series continues with Tina McIntosh, founder of Joy's House! Whether you know someone who's a caregiver or not, join us for a fun and informative conversation with Tina. No registration is required.

Sound & Spirit: Katherine Jolliff | Feb. 2nd | 4:00 pm

Named one of *The Diapason's* "Top 20 under 30," organist Katherine Jolliff plays repertoire featuring J. S. Bach, Buxtehude, Karg-Elert, and more. This concert is open to all and completely free!



Rainbow Brunch | Feb. 9th | 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

LGBTQIA2S+ family - let's share a meal! Come join us for NPC's first Rainbow Brunch on February 9th following worship at Garden Table in Broad Ripple. Contact Rebekah Ryan or Scott Cavins with any questions!



CPR/AED Training | Feb. 16th | 11:15 am - 12:30 pm

Northminster's own Matt Boris, an IFD firefighter, will lead a FREE training in CPR/AED for our Northminster family! Learn new skills or brush up on old ones, but it will not include certification. Registration is helpful!



Italian Night | Feb. 22nd | 5:30 - 8:00 pm

Italian Night is back! All ages are invited to come and enjoy the evening a delicious pasta dinner plus silent and live auctions! No payment is required, but a free-will offering will be received at the event.



Sound & Spirit: Appalachian Road Show | Feb. 28th | 7:00 pm

Nominated for numerous IBMA awards, bluegrass band Appalachian Road Show bring their tight instrumentation and spiraling harmonies to a new generation of fans.



Additional events and information can be found on our website at northminster.church/events

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Teri Thomas
Pastor Emerita

Tony Dzwonar
Stephen Ministry Leader

Rod Mail
Stephen Ministry Leader

Matthew 25

As a Matthew 25 congregation, we focus on building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism, and eradicating systemic poverty.

Covenant Network of Presbyterians

As a member of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, we seek equity for LGBTQIA2S+ people in church and society.

We welcome, honor, celebrate, and include all.

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