



# NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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Third Sunday After Epiphany | January 26, 2025, 10:00 am

### WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

#### WELCOME

#### PRELUDE

"Now There Lightens Upon Us" | *Leo Sowerby (1895-1968)*

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls us to be builders.

God calls us to build our lives:

**to restore broken places and continue to grow.**

God calls us to build our faith:

**to study the Word and ponder its interpretation.**

God calls us to build our community:

**to build bridges of understanding and systems of justice.**

God calls us to build history by fulfilling the promises of Scripture:

**to preach the good news of God's love  
and liberation for all people.**

#### \*HYMN NO. 404

"What Is This Place" | *KOMT NU MET ZANG*

#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Restoration,  
whenever we come home to you,  
we realize how far we have strayed  
and how much we have forgotten  
your law and your love.  
We have not loved you with our whole hearts  
or loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Forgive us, heal us,  
and restore us to our relationship with you;  
through Jesus Christ, in whom we trust.

#### \*SILENT CONFESSION

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



## What Is This Place

1 What is this place, where we are meet-ing? On - ly a house, the  
 2 Words from a - far, stars that are fall - ing. Sparks that are sown in  
 3 And we ac - cept bread at his ta - ble, bro - ken and shared, a

earth its floor. Walls and a roof, shel - ter - ing peo - ple, win - dows for  
 us like seed: names for our God, dreams, signs, and won - ders sent from the  
 liv - ing sign. Here in this world, dy - ing and liv - ing, we are each

light, an o - pen door. Yet it be - comes a bod - y that  
 past are what we need. We in this place re - mem - ber and  
 oth - er's bread and wine. This is the place where we can re -

lives when we are gath - ered here, and know our God is near.  
 speak a - gain what we have heard: God's free re - deem - ing word.  
 ceive what we need to in - crease: God's jus - tice and God's peace.

This text by a 20th-century Jesuit beautifully captures the fundamental truth that "church" is not primarily the building but the people who come together in order to be nourished by Word and Table so that they may show forth Christ's redeeming presence in the world.

## \*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, I can assure you that we have been restored  
in the grace of God.

**We rejoice then, for this is a day of new beginnings!**

## \*RESPONSE

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

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. 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."

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

## \*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.)*

## 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

"Gathered in God's Name" | Michael Burkhardt

(Please sing refrain on cue from leader)

## Refrain

*with great joy!*



Gath-ered from near and far, gath-ered in



this ho - ly place, gath-ered as strang-ers and



friends, gath-ered and gift - ed by grace.



Gath - ered in God's name 'round the liv - ing



Word. Gath - ered as one fam - 'ly



in the name of love, in the name of

*slowing*



love, in the name of love.



## **FIRST LESSON | PROPHET**

Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10 (OT p. 436-437)

## **SECOND LESSON | EPISTLE**

1 Corinthians 12: 12, 14, 18-20, 27-31 (NT p. 174)

## **THIRD LESSON | GOSPEL**

Luke 4: 14-21 (NT p. 61)

## **SERMON**

"What WILL We Tell the Children?" | *Carol McDonald*

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

### **\*HYMN NO. 307**

"God of Grace and God of Glory" | *CWM RHONDDA*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## **OFFERING**

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



# 307 God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple  
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -  
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its  
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our  
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in  
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

## OFFERTORY

“They’ll Know We Are Christians” | *arr. Lloyd Larson*

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;  
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;  
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored.  
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;  
and together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land.  
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side;  
we will work with each other, we will work side by side;  
and we’ll guard each one’s dignity and save each one’s pride.  
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

Praise to the Father from whom all things come,  
and praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son;  
praise to the spirit who makes us one.  
God’s Spirit makes us one.

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;  
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;  
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored.  
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

## \*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!**



## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

#### \*HYMN NO. 772

“Live into Hope” | *TRURO*

#### \*BLESSING AND CHARGE

As we go forth from this place,  
we rejoice in the strength of God,  
we fix our eyes on the grace of Christ,  
and we drink deeply of the Spirit, who makes us one.

**The Spirit is still at work among us,  
sending us to bring good news to the poor,  
to proclaim release to those in captivity,  
to be healers and a freedom force against all oppression.**

Go boldly as disciples, trusting in the Spirit’s guidance.

**Amen.**

#### POSTLUDE

“O Gladsome Light” | *Francis Jackson (1917-2022)*

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### IN WORSHIP

This morning’s opening hymn, No. 404 “What Is This Place,” is a Dutch text by Huub Oosterhuis (b. 1933) from his poetry collection *In het voorbijgaan*, and translated into English by David Smith in 1970. The first stanza establishes the distinction between the church as the people and the meetinghouse as the building where they gather. Stanzas 2 and 3 celebrate, respectively, the gifts of Word and Table in fresh images. Stanza 3 also points to the dimensions of justice and peace that emerge from the encounter with God’s revealed purpose and spiritual provision. The tune, KOMT NU MET ZANG, is a 17th-century Dutch melody that matches the text well. It is driven by the pattern of a quarter note and two eighths that initiates 8 of its 14 measures.

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### TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS

Carol McDonald | *Pastor*  
Charles Manning | *Organist*  
Loui Lord Nelson | *Liturgist*  
Chancel Choir

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## Live into Hope

1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -  
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight  
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to  
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the  
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of  
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's  
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!  
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.  
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.  
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

This text on Luke 4:16–20, the author's first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women's National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 18th-century tune in mind.

# Events and Announcements

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

Tina McIntosh, founder of Joy's House, will discuss how we can be better neighbors to those who are caregivers. Whether you know someone who's a caregiver or not, join us for a fun and informative conversation with Tina!

## **Annual Congregational Meeting | Feb. 2nd | 11:15 am**

We will receive annual reports from 2024, learn about planning for 2025, and receive all other business that is brought before the congregation. Childcare will be available for all ages!

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

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



## **Hindu Temple Experience | Feb. 5th | 10:00 am - 1:00 pm**

Join the Men's Prayer Breakfast for a spiritual walk at the Hindu Temple of Central Indiana. Meet at Northminster at 9:15 am or the temple at 10:00 am. The tour costs \$5, followed by brunch at MCL. All are welcome!



## **Becoming Better Neighbors: Exodus Refugee | Feb. 5th | 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Join experts from Exodus Refugee to explore the challenges refugees face when seeking safety, starting anew, and how we can support them as neighbors in north Indianapolis.

## **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!



## **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.



## **Yoga Classes & Workshops**

Northminster Community Yoga is back with six classes per week, private sessions, and yoga philosophy discussions on the 2nd Friday every month! Click on the QR for much more information. There is something for everyone!



*Additional events and information can be found on our website at [northminster.church/events](http://northminster.church/events)*

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## 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.

## Weekly Email Newsletters

Stay up to date with everything going on at Northminster by subscribing to our newsletter at [northminster.church/newsletter](http://northminster.church/newsletter)

## Prayer Lists

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