



# 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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Fourth Sunday After Epiphany | February 2, 2025, 10:00 am

### WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

#### WELCOME

#### PRELUDE

"Lift Every Voice and Sing" | *arr. Rollo Dilworth*

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy, loving God,  
we look to you this day to return us to the force of love.

**May our worship and witness, our works and ways,  
be marked by the contours of your divine love.**

**Remind us that our songs and words,  
prophecies and gifts, are nothing if not done in love.**

**Pour out your Spirit this day,  
empowering us with the radical force of love. Amen.**

#### INTROIT

"I Woke Up This Morning" | *African-American spiritual*

#### \*HYMN NO. 53

"O God, Who Gives Us Life" | *NOEL*

#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of life,  
we admit to you and to each other  
that we have not always lived lives of love.  
We have lost patience and been rude.  
We have been irritable and insisted on our own way.  
We have even let love end.

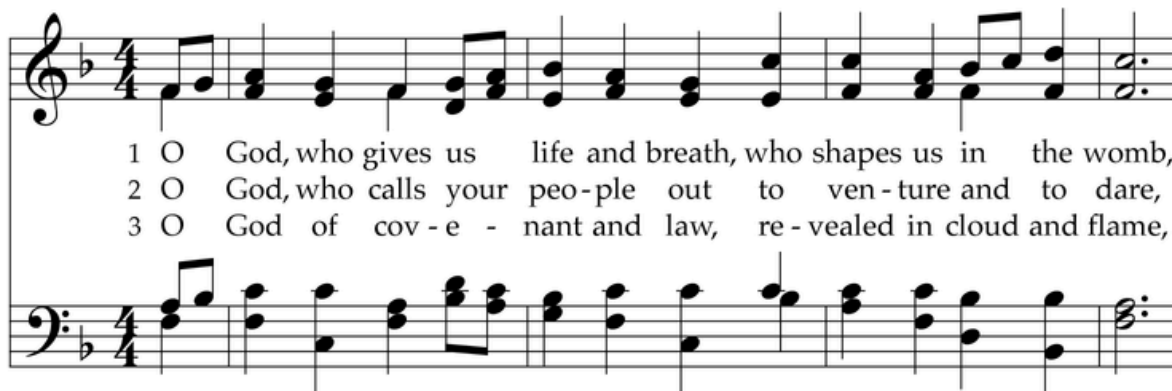
Forgive us and heal us, dear God,  
through Jesus Christ, your love incarnate.

#### \*SILENT CONFESSION

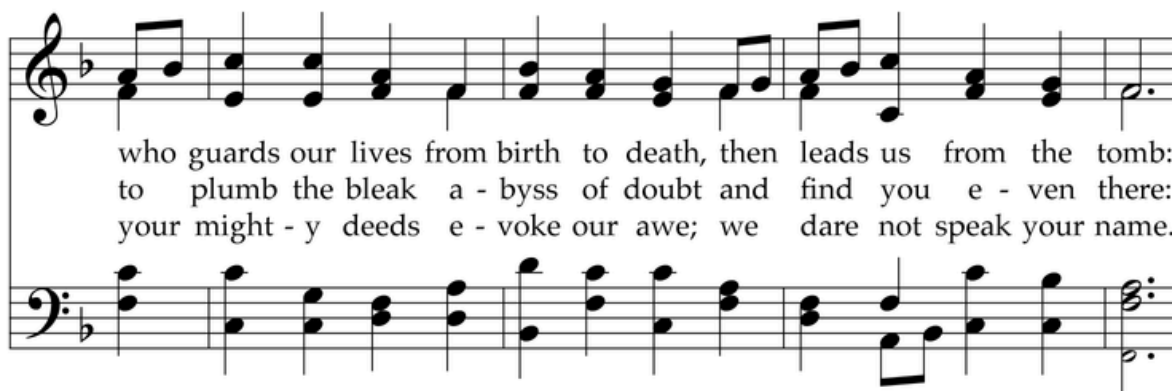
*\*For those who are able, please stand.*



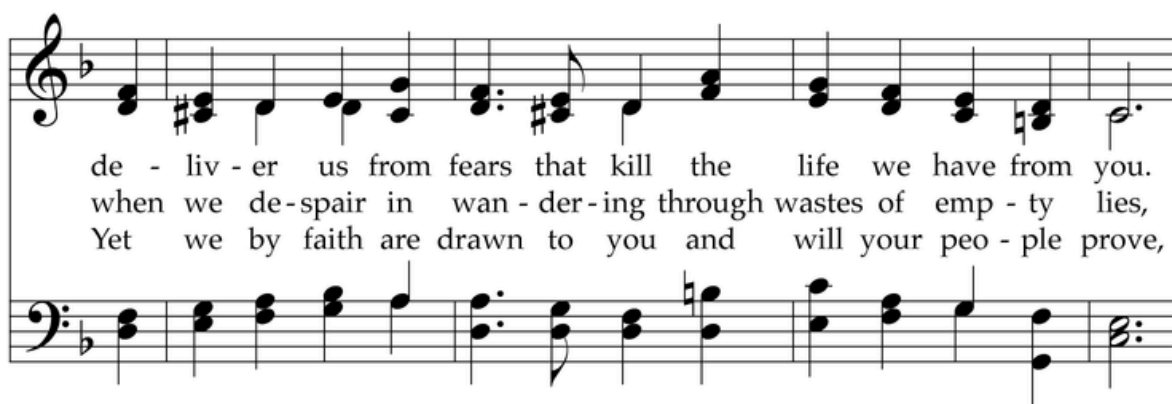
# 53 O God, Who Gives Us Life



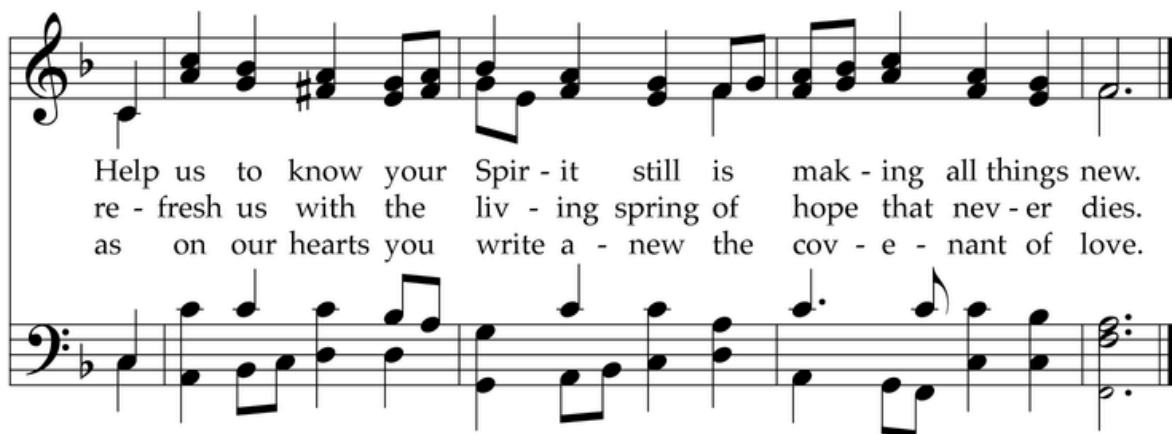
1 O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,  
2 O God, who calls your peo-ple out to ven-ture and to dare,  
3 O God of cov-e - nant and law, re - vealed in cloud and flame,



who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:  
to plumb the bleak a - byss of doubt and find you e - ven there:  
your might - y deeds e - voke our awe; we dare not speak your name.



de - liv - er us from fears that kill the life we have from you.  
when we de-spair in wan - der-ing through wastes of emp - ty lies,  
Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your peo - ple prove,



Help us to know your Spir - it still is mak - ing all things new.  
re - fresh us with the liv - ing spring of hope that nev - er dies.  
as on our hearts you write a - new the cov - e - nant of love.

Christians often fail to appreciate how much we can learn about God from the Hebrew Scriptures. This text draws on a variety of passages that call attention to God's faithfulness toward the Chosen People and the promise of a new covenant written on the heart (Jeremiah 31:31-34).

## \*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, though we know only in part,

**we are fully known to God.**

God has loved us since the beginning,

**and God's love for us will never end.**

The God of grace forgives us in love,

**and calls us to abide in faith, in hope, and in love.**

## \*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 melodic, with a final cadence at the end of the fourth staff.

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

### CHILDREN'S TIME

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

*Preschoolers are dismissed to Church School*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST LESSON | PROPHET

Jeremiah 1: 4-10 (OT p. 698)

#### SECOND LESSON | EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 12: 31, 13: 1-13 (NT p. 174-175)

### SERMON

"More Than Noise" | *Brian Shivers*



## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*from the Iona Community*

We believe in God whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives;  
whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth;  
whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all;  
and whose love defeated death.

Though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, in God we trust;  
and, in the name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves,  
in the service of others, to seek justice and to live in peace;  
to live in the freedom of forgiveness, and the power of the Spirit of love;  
and in the company of the faithful so to be the Church,  
for the glory of God. Amen.

### OFFERING

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

### OFFERTORY

"she took his hands" | *Nicholas Cline (b. 1958)*

she took his hands  
she said to him  
have faith  
I will be fine  
I will be with you soon

### \*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

"Kyrie (from *Missa Secunda*)" | *Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)*

Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy.
Christe eleison.	Christ, have mercy.
Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy.



# 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.**

## SANCTUS

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*All*  
*f*  
2  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly — Lord, God of  
pow'r and might; heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
*marcato*  
san - na — in — the — high - est, ho - san - na in the  
high - est, ho - san - na — in the high - est, ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est,  
ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name, in the name — of — the —  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na — in  
the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -  
*rit.*  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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## 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

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## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

*All are welcome. All bread is gluten-free.*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

“Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread” | *ST. FLAVIAN*

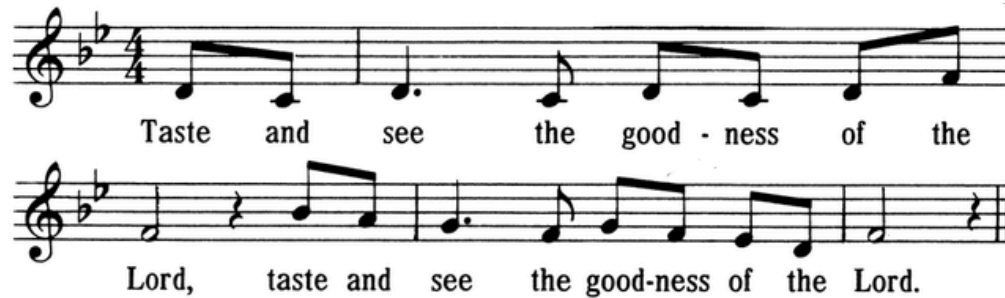
Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart;  
Savior, abide with us, and spread your table in our heart.

Here share with us, in love divine, your body and your blood,  
that living bread, that heavenly wine be our immortal food.



“Taste and See” | arr. Michael Connolly

Refrain



The image shows two staves of musical notation for the refrain. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B-flat4, C5, B-flat4, A4, G4. The lyrics 'Taste and see the good-ness of the' are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody with quarter notes: F4, G4, A4, B-flat4, C5, B-flat4, A4, G4. The lyrics 'Lord, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord.' are written below. The piece ends with a double bar line.

I will bless the Lord at all times;  
his praise shall be ever in my mouth.  
Let my soul glory in the Lord;  
the lowly will hear me and be glad. *Refrain*

Glorify the Lord with me,  
let us together extol his name.  
I sought the Lord and he answered me  
and delivered me from all my fears. *Refrain*

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy  
and your faces may not blush with shame.  
When the afflicted ones called out, the Lord heard,  
and from all their distress he saved them. *Refrain*

**PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL**

Triune God, with burning hearts we thank you for making  
Christ known to us in the breaking of bread  
and in the poured-out wine.  
May this meal enable us to increase in faith,  
persevere in hope, and grow up in love.  
Send us out from this place by your Spirit,  
our ears open to your Word,  
our minds alert to the calling you give us,  
our hearts full of zeal for your coming kingdom,  
our voices confessing the name of Jesus,  
our Lord and our God. 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

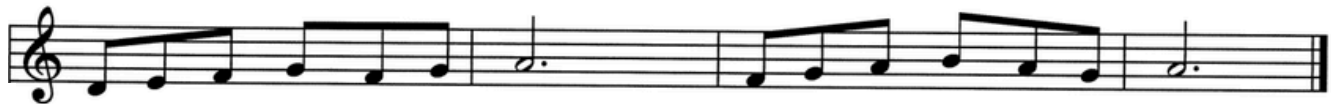
“Let Our Vocation Be Love” | *BLOOM IN DARKNESS*



1. Let our vo - ca - tion be love, love for our Source and our  
2. Let our vo - ca - tion be love, love for both strang - ers and  
3. Let our vo - ca - tion be love, love for the world God has  
4. Let our vo - ca - tion be love, love be - yond bord - er or



Goal, the God who has named us, called us and claimed us,  
friends, the neigh - bor who greets us, foe who de - feats us;  
made, the earth that pro - tects us, feeds and con - nects us,  
wall, the love that now wakes us, mends and re - makes us,



love that makes brok - en - ness whole, love that makes brok - en - ness whole.  
love that re - ceives those God sends, love that re - ceives those God sends.  
love in cre - a - tion dis - played, love in cre - a - tion dis - played.  
love that en - com - pas - ses all, love that en - com - pas - es all.

## \*BLESSING AND CHARGE

May the love of God  
help you to bear all things.  
May the love of Christ  
enable you to believe all things.  
May the love of the Holy Spirit  
inspire you to hope all things,  
so that you abide in faith, hope, and love  
this day and forever.

Let us go forth this day into a world  
where things are being pulled down and overthrown,  
where things are being built and planted.  
Let us go forth with the love of God made visible in us.  
Amen.

## POSTLUDE

“Variations on NETTLETON” | *arr. Undine Smith Moore (1904-1989)*





## IN WORSHIP

Today's Offertory, "she took his hands," for four voice a cappella chorus, was written by the American composer Nicholas Cline (born 1985). Cline was commissioned by Donald Nally and the Bienen School of Music at Northwestern University for the Bienen Contemporary/Early Vocal Ensemble to write this piece concerning immigration activism. Elvira Arellano is a Mexican-born activist who fights for undocumented immigrants. She is founder of La Familia Latina Unida, an advocacy group for the undocumented, and the co-chair of Centro Sin Fronteras, a nonprofit serving the same group. "she took his hands" recounts a 2007 statement Arellano made when she was arrested and separated from her young son: "They can't hurt us. God is protecting us. You just have to have faith and I will be fine and with you soon." Nicolas Cline currently teaches composition and music theory at Appalachian State University, Boone, North Carolina.

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### TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*  
Peace Choir  
Chancel Choir  
Marko Petričić | *Organist*  
Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*  
Ben Ronco | *Liturgist*  
Chamber Ensemble  
Sam Spade & Daniel Backfish-White | *Soloists*

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# Events and Announcements

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## **Annual Meeting | Today | 11:15 am**

Members are invited to stay following worship when we will receive annual reports from 2024, learn about planning for 2025, and receive all other business. Childcare is available for all ages!

## **Sound & Spirit: Katherine Jolliff | Today | 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**

The Men's Prayer Breakfast invites you to participate in a spiritual walk through the Hindu Temple of Central Indiana! We will meet for brunch at the MCL at 5520 Castleton Corner Lane following the tour.



## **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!



## **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](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

The prayer list is available 24/7 online! Visit [northminster.church/prayer](http://northminster.church/prayer)

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