



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany | February 9, 2025, 10:00 am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Solemn Processional" | Robert A. Harris (b. 1938)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In this space, God, the Holy One,
whose glory fills the whole earth, calls us.

**Beside the sea, along ordinary paths,
God calls us.**

We are listening for God's call in our lives.

**In steadfast love,
God fulfills the divine purposes for our lives.**

Let us worship "God in three persons," the blessed Trinity.

*HYMN NO. 1

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!" | NICAEA

*CALL TO CONFESSION

The doorframe shook at the sound of shouting voices
and the house filled with smoke.

**Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a person of unclean lips,
and I live among a people of unclean lips;
yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!**

We are people of unclean lips who serve a God of abundant grace.
Let us confess our sins together before God and one another.

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



1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Descant

4 Ho - - - ly,

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

ho - - - ly,

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

ho - - - ly,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the universe and Creator of all that is,
we admit that we fail to be honest about our lives.
Sometimes we are deceitful;
other times we judge ourselves harshly
and feel unworthy of your call on our lives.

Touch us with your grace
and dispel our fear.
Forgive us and heal us,
that we may arise with renewed spirits to serve you.

*SILENT CONFESSION

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In the temple, Isaiah heard these words:

“Your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.”

Friends, the promise is this -

God is faithful and steadfast,

forgives our sin and welcomes us home.

Grateful for this promise of joy and peace,

let us sing together!

*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 stead - fast love of the Lord nev - er ceas - es; God's mer - cies nev - er come to an end. They are new ev - ery morn - ing, new ev - ery morn - ing; great is your faith - ful - ness, O Lord, great is your faith - ful - ness.



*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 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

ANTHEM

"God is Seen" | from *Southern Harmony* (1835), arr. Alice Parker (1925-2023)

Through all the world below God is seen all around,
search hills and valleys through, there He's found.
The growing of the corn, the lily and the thorn, the pleasant and forlorn,
all declare, God is there, in meadows drest in green, God is seen.

See springing waters rise, fountains flow, rivers run,
the mist that veils the sky hides the sun.
Then down the rain doth pour, the ocean it doth roar and beat upon the shore,
and all praise in their ways, the God who ne'er declines His designs.

The sun with all its rays speaks of God as he flies
the comet in her blaze "God" she cries;
the shining of the stars, the moon, when she appears, His awful name declares;
See them fly through the sky, and join the solemn sound all around.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON | PROPHET

Isaiah 6: 1-8 | *OT p. 635-636, Spark Bible p. 166*

SECOND LESSON | PSALM

Psalm 138 | *Hal Hopson (b. 1933)*



Let ev - 'ry voice give praise; to God our songs we raise, for
God a-lone is King; to God a-lone we sing.



THIRD LESSON | GOSPEL

Luke 5: 1-11 | *NT p. 62, Spark Bible p. 258*

SERMON

“A Call to Worship: Out Into the Deep” | *Brian Shivers*

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*HYMN NO. 287

“Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading” | *NJOO KWETU, ROHO MWEMA*

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)

OFFERTORY

“Balm in Gilead” | *African-American spiritual, arr. Harry Burleigh (1866-1949)*

*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



287 Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing;
 2 Come to teach us; come to nour - ish
 3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing
 4 Not mere knowl - edge, but dis - cern - ment,
 5 Keep us fer - vent in our wit - ness,

fash - ion us all a - new. It's your lead - ing
 those who be - lieve in Christ. Bless the faith - ful;
 done in your ho - ly name. Mo - ti - vate all
 nor root - less lib - er - ty; turn dis - qui - et
 un - swayed by earth's al - lure. Ev - er grant us

that we're need - ing; help us to fol - low you.
 may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.
 in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.
 to con - tent - ment, doubt in - to cer - tain - ty.
 zeal - ous fit - ness, which you a - lone as - sure.

Refrain

Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
 Njo - o, njo - o, nj - oo, Ro - ho mwe - ma.

Originally written for the uniting of the Lutheran churches in Tanzania, this prayerful hymn touches on the need of the whole church at all times for the Holy Spirit's guidance and blessing. When appropriate, the refrain can effectively be used alone as a prayer response.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN NO. 721

“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore” | *PESCADOR DE HOMBRES*

(Worshippers may sing Spanish or English on the refrain)

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

Siblings in Christ,
be filled with the love of God
and sing praises with your whole hearts,
giving thanks for the call of Christ in your lives.

**Let us not be afraid.
We have partners in other boats beside us,
and Christ has gone before us.
We let down our nets,
expecting God’s abundant provisions!**

CHORAL RESPONSE

“The Peace of the Earth” | *Iona Community*

The peace of the earth be with you,
The peace of the heavens too;
The peace of the rivers be with you;
The peace of the oceans too.
Deep peace falling over you;
God’s peace growing in you.



721 Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Tú has venido a la orilla



1 Lord, you have come to the lake - shore look - ing
2 You know so well my pos - ses - sions; my boat
3 You need my hands, full of car - ing, through my
4 You, who have fished oth - er o - ceans, ev - er



nei - ther for wealth - y nor wise ones; you on - ly
car - ries no gold and no weap - ons; ¶ you will
la - bors to give oth - ers rest and con - stant
longed for by souls who are wait - ing, my lov - ing



asked me to fol - low hum - bly.
find there my nets and la - bor.
love that keeps on lov - ing.
friend, as thus you call me:

Refrain / Estribillo



O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, and while
Se - ñor, me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos, son - ri -



smil - ing have spo - ken my name; now my
en - do has di - cho mi nom - bre, en la a -



boat's left on the shore - line be - hind me. By your
re - na he de - ja - do mi bar - ca, jun - to a



side I will seek oth - er seas.
ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.

IN WORSHIP

Hymn No. 287 “Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading,” was originally written in Kiswahili by Wilson Niwagila (born 1940). He wrote the text on the occasion of the unification of seven Lutheran churches in Tanzania, 1965. That occasion made the petition “fashion us all anew” particularly relevant, but it is a prayer that pertains to all of us all the time. Each stanza is summed up at the end with the ancient prayer “Come, Holy Spirit, come.” Wilson Niwagila studied theology in his native Tanzania, the United States, and Germany. He has served Lutheran churches in Tanzania and Germany. He has also served as the Lutheran secretary for Christian Education, the director of the Evangelical Academy, provost of Makumira University College, and as the Executive Secretary for Evangelism of the United Evangelical Mission for Germany, Asia, and Africa.

Today’s anthem, “God Is Seen,” is taken from shape note books, early American compilations of scores in which the note heads are printed in one of seven different shapes to indicate a place on the scale. Shape note singing societies flourished in early America and continue in popularity today, particularly in the northeastern and southeastern sections of the country. “God Is Seen,” a secular tune entitled CAPTAIN KIDD, was originally published in *The Southern Harmony*, a compilation of hymns, tunes, psalms, and songs by William Walker in 1835. It was also included in *The Sacred Harp* collection, first published by Benjamin White in 1844. The poem speaks of God’s presence in all of existence, from the cultivated field to the rivers and oceans, and finally to the heavens. Arranger Alice Parker (1925 – 2023) influenced a generation of singers and conductors via her singing techniques books, lectures, and recordings. As a composer, she has written operas, cantatas, sacred anthems, song cycles and string quartets.

TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*
Marko Petričić | *Organist*
Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*
Chamber Ensemble
Jonathan Shinn | *Cantor*
Sam Spade | *Baritone*
Krista Wright | *Piano*

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Events and Announcements

Rainbow Brunch | Today | 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!

Becoming Better Neighbors: IYG | Feb. 12th | 6:00 - 7:00 pm

How can we support those struggling and worried about access to services in Indiana? We'll welcome Shelly Fitzgerald of IYG, the oldest continuously operating organization for LGBTQ+ youth/young adults in North America.



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

Matt Boris, an IFD firefighter, will lead a free training in CPR and the use of the AED equipment following worship in Calvin Hall. Acquire new skills or brush up on old ones, but it will **not** include certification.



Becoming Better Neighbors: Bonhoeffer | Feb. 19th & 26th | 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Learn more about German-Lutheran theologian, pastor, and anti-Nazi dissident Dietrich Bonhoeffer from local expert Jim Higginbotham, Associate Dean and Professor of Pastoral Care at Earlham School of Religion.



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, the legendary bluegrass band Appalachian Road Show brings their tight instrumentation and spiraling harmonies to a new generation of fans.



February Mission Collection: Socks

The Mission Team is collecting socks throughout February to support the temporary shelter site at the old School 68 building. You can also purchase other items to be direct shipped by scanning the QR code!

Save the Date: Lenten Soup Supper | Mar. 5th | 5:30 - 6:45 pm

Save the date for the Lenten Soup Supper! All are welcome, and if you have a great soup recipe you'd like to share or want to be involved in this event, please contact John Purcell or Donna Schmahl.

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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