



# 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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*Sixth Sunday After Epiphany | February 16, 2025, 10:00 am*

### WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

#### WELCOME

#### PRELUDE

"Procession of the Gargoyles" | *Thomas H. Kerr (1915-1988)*

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord.  
They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.

**Baptized and freed, grounded in love,  
let us worship God.**

#### \*HYMN NO. 369

"Blessing and Honor" | *O QUANTA QUALIA*

#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,  
you call us to reorder our lives  
by the kingdom you are bringing in Jesus Christ.  
Yet we still pass by the ones you especially notice:  
people who are poor and hungry;  
people who weep;  
people who have no place to stay.  
We have not stood with those  
who are hated, bullied, and excluded.  
Comfortable with the way things are,  
we are too complacent,  
even complicit with injustice and prejudice.

Forgive us, O God -  
for losing heart,  
for turning away from you,  
for failing to love others as you have loved us.

#### \*SILENT CONFESSION

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



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## Blessing and Honor

1 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and power,  
 2 Let all the heav - ens sound forth Je - sus' name;  
 3 Ev - er as - cend - ing the song and the joy,  
 4 Give we the glo - ry and praise to the Lamb;

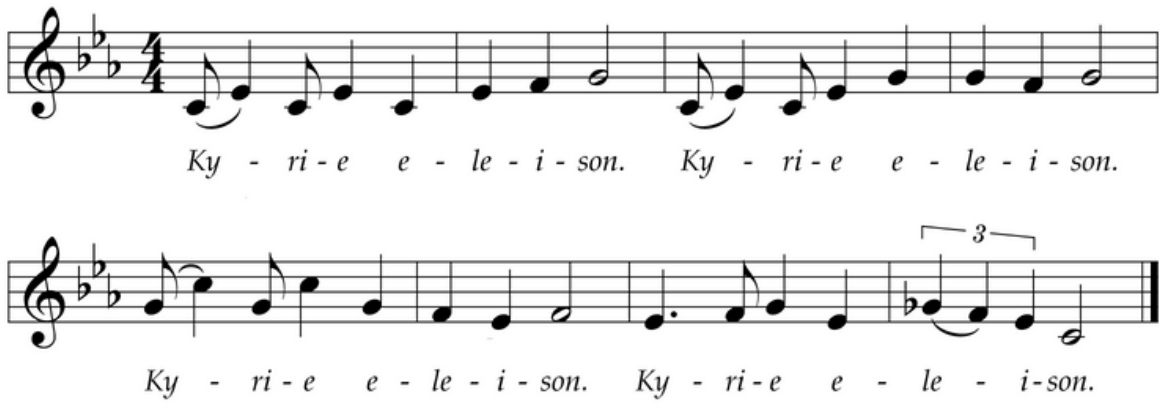
wis - dom and rich - es and strength ev - er - more,  
 let all the earth sing his glo - ry and fame.  
 ev - er de - scend - ing the love from on high;  
 take we the robe and the harp and the palm;

be to the Lamb who our bat - tle has won,  
 O - cean and moun - tain, stream, for - est, and flower  
 bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and praise:  
 sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain,

whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the throne.  
 ech - o these prais - es and tell of God's power.  
 this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.  
 dy - ing in weak - ness but ris - ing to reign.

Fittingly titled "The Song of the Lamb" by its author, this hymn is a paraphrase and expansion of Revelation 5:12. It is set here to a resonant French tune of a kind that flourished in the transition from the older chant style to the harmonies and rhythms of modern hymns.

## \*KYRIE



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

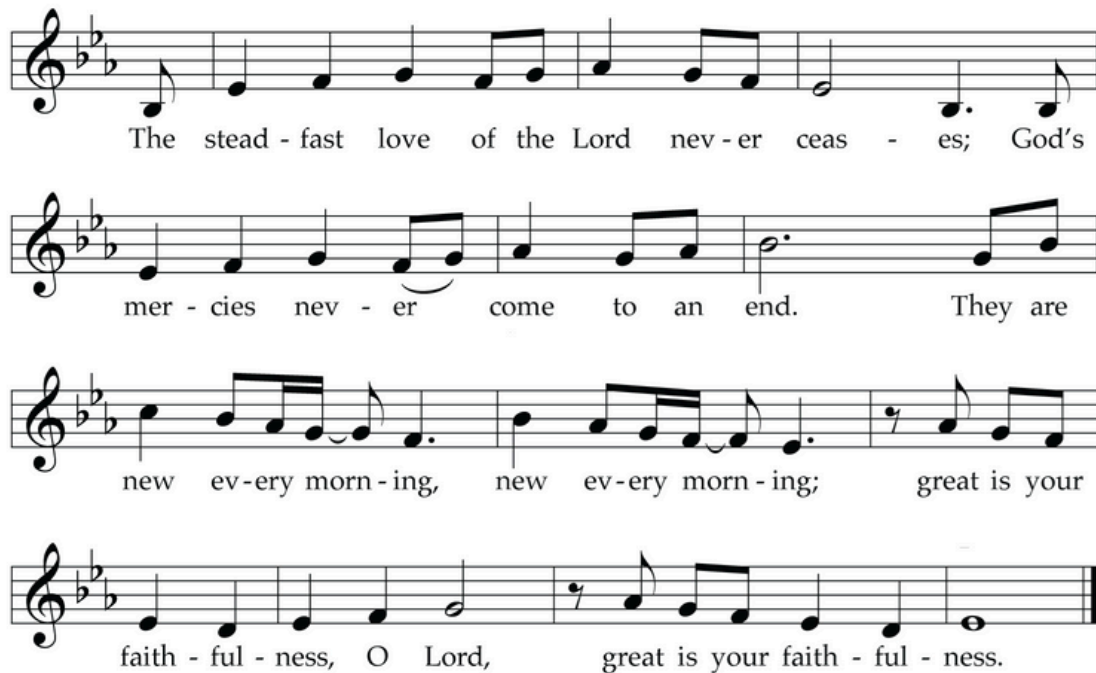
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## \*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Siblings in Christ - the waters of grace refresh our lives  
and bring forth a new creation.  
Hear this good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven,  
**and freed to try again!**

## \*RESPONSE

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



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

## 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

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

## SECOND LESSON | PSALM

Psalms 1 | Hal Hopson (b. 1933)



Hap-py are they who de-light, who de - light in the law of God.

## THIRD LESSON | GOSPEL

Luke 6: 17-26 | NT p. 64

## SERMON

"A Call to Confession: A Level Place" | Brian Shivers

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### \*HYMN NO. 427

"Jesus Knows the Inmost Heart" | LOE DE ISA

## 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.



# Jesus Knows the Inmost Heart 427

*Refrain* Bm Em D G Am7 Bm7 Em

Je - sus knows the in - most heart: noth - ing can be hid - den.

Bm Em D G Am7 Bm7 Em *Fine*

Je - sus knows the in - most heart: noth - ing can be hid - den.

Em Bm Am Em C Am Em

1 This our sin - ful hearts re - quire: flame of God's re - fin - ing fire,

2 Je - sus knows our deep - est fears, knows the pain of hid - den tears.

3 When our lives are in his hand noth - ing can his work with - stand;

4 So our faith will be re - stored by the word of Christ our Lord;

Em Em7 Am D7 Em Am7 Bm7 Em *to Refrain*

work - ing in us day by day till the dross is burned a - way.

By his words of love and peace ev - ery heart can find re - lease.

his for - give - ness sets us free, saves us for e - ter - ni - ty.

for the warmth his love im - parts melts the ver - y hard - est hearts.

## OFFERING

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

## OFFERTORY

“O for a Closer Walk with God” | *Charles V. Stanford (1852-1924)*

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame;  
A light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy Dove, return!  
Sweet messenger of rest; I hate the sins that made thee mourn,  
drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame;  
So purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### \*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!





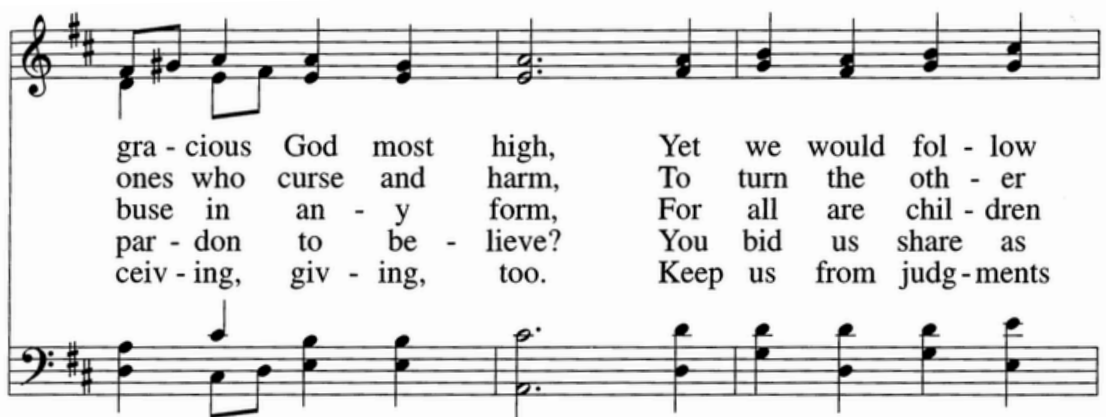
# WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN

"Your Ways are Not our Own" | SWABIA



1. Your ways are not our own. O  
2. Christ teach - es us to bless The  
3. Yet, we can - not ex - cuse A -  
4. How shall we show your love, Your  
5. For - give - ness is our joy, Re -



gra - cious God most high, Yet we would fol - low  
ones who curse and harm, To turn the oth - er  
buse in an - y form, For all are chil - dren  
par - don to be - lieve? You bid us share as  
ceiv - ing, giv - ing, too. Keep us from judg - ments



in your paths And on your love re - ly.  
cheek when struck, At - tack - ers to dis - arm.  
of your care, And love must be our norm.  
we are blessed And give as we re - ceive.  
hard and cruel, That we may dwell with you.





## \*BLESSING AND CHARGE

May you be like trees planted by water  
who yield your fruits in its season,  
watched over and protected by God.

**Alleluia!**

When people hate you, exclude you,  
revile you, defame you,  
do not dismay.

Remember, we are forgiven,

**and freed to try again.**

**As we serve,**

**God sustains us**

**and inspires us to live into God's call.**

## CHORAL RESPONSE

"Soon-Ah-Will-Be-Done" | *African American spiritual, arr. William Dawson (1899-1990)*



## IN WORSHIP

Psalm 1 informs us that those who delight in the law of the Lord are “happy,” righteous, and prosperous. The psalm makes a sharp contrast between the lot of the righteous and the wicked. Of the righteous, the psalmist states, “Joy shall be in their hearts...for they recite the law, they speak it day and night. They are like green trees that grow by clear flowing water.” Of the wicked, the psalmist states, “They blow like chaff in the wind, they fall by the weight of the truth.” The psalm seems to make the point that we link happiness with walking in the Lord’s ways. The reader or listener might ask, “How can I get started on that way?” This psalm indicates we find that path by considering and meditating on the psalms that follow. There we may discover the way that leads to happiness. These 150 psalms will teach us the way to go.

Today’s Offertory, “O for a closer walk with God,” was composed by Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924). The piece is a setting of the hymn CAITHNESS, which first appears in the 1635 *Scottish Psalter*. Written for the organ and SATB choir, the sopranos make the opening statement and then are joined by the lower three voices. The mood of the music reflects the tender poem by William Cowper (1731-1800). Stanford, along with Edward Elgar and Hubert Parry, brought about the so-called “English Musical Renaissance,” a rebirth of internationally significant compositions in Great Britain at the beginning of the 20th century. Stanford was an influential teacher (Ralph Vaughan Williams and Herbert Howells were two notable students) and composer of mainly sacred choral and organ works.

Before we depart to serve, the Chancel Choir sings the African American spiritual “Soon-Ah-Will-Be-Done.” The song visualizes a home where troubles and weeping are over, and at last, families separated by the auction block are reunited, and everyone is protected by a loving God. This spiritual is, as arranger William Dawson put it, “a conversation, a wish, a prayer from one soul to another.” Dawson (1899-1990) arranged over 100 spirituals and was the director of the acclaimed Tuskegee Institute School of Music for 25 years.

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### TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*  
Marko Petričić | *Organist*  
Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*  
Chancel Choir

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# Events and Announcements

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## **CPR/AED Training | Today | 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 today's worship in Calvin Hall. Acquire new skills or brush up on old ones, but it will **not** include certification.



## **Becoming Better Neighbors: Bonhoeffer (Part 1) | Feb. 19th | 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.



## **Becoming Better Neighbors: Bonhoeffer (Part 2) | Feb. 26th | 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

We'll continue our discussion on Dietrich Bonhoeffer with local expert Jim Higginbotham! If you're interested in watching the documentary, *Bonhoeffer* (2003), the film is available free from the Indianapolis Public Library!



## **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 make and share or you'd like to be involved in this event in other ways, please contact John Purcell or Donna Schmahl.

## **Planning Your Celebration of Life | Mar. 9th | 11:15 am - 4:00 pm**

Join us for a joyful program with Carol McDonald and Emi Johnson. Enjoy lunch, then engage in a musical, meaningful workshop to plan your funeral, financial legacy, Celebration of Life, and obituary. Sign-up available soon!

*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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