



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Seventh Sunday After Epiphany | February 23, 2025, 10:00 am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Pastorale" | *William B. Cooper (1920-1993)*

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy One, Holy Three,
by your grace we are your own.

**Stir up in us the desire to follow you,
that your grace toward us may not be in vain
but may become our motivation
to go where you send us. Amen.**

*HYMN NO. 4

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name" | *GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH*

*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.*



4 Holy God, We Praise Your Name

1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
 3 All a - pos - tles join the strain as your sa - cred
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it:

bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim;
 bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 name they hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
 three we name you, while in es - sence on - ly one;

all in heaven a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heavens with
 and the bless - ed mar - tyrs fol - low, and from morn to
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you, and a - dor - ing,

vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
 sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
 set of sun, through the church the song goes on.
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

Based on an 18th-century German metrical version of a celebrated 5th-century Latin hymn, *Te Deum laudamus*, this abbreviated 19th-century English paraphrase is sung by both Protestants and Roman Catholics. It is set here to the tune composed and named for the German version.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

(Silence is kept after each petition)

Merciful God, for failing to love others as you have loved us...
God of grace,
forgive us.

For wasting your gifts and hoarding our goods...
God of grace,
forgive us.

For plundering the earth and abusing the planet...
God of grace,
forgive us.

For fearing those who are strange to us...
God of grace,
forgive us.

For losing heart and abandoning hope...
God of grace,
forgive us.

For all the ways we turn from you...
God of grace,
forgive us.

**We offer our prayers in the name of the One who saves us,
in Jesus Christ, Amen.**

***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 musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "The steadfast 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."

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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

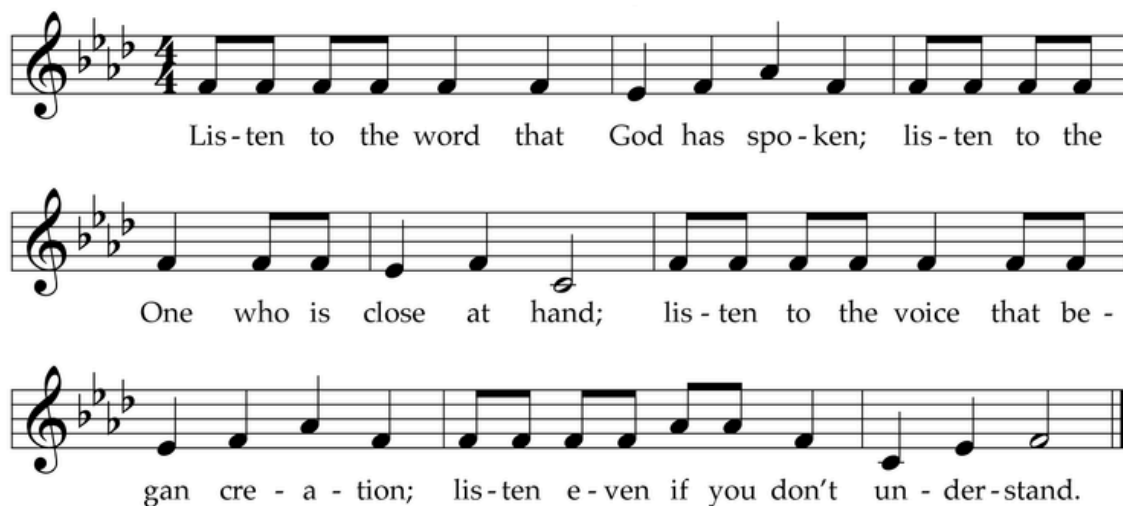
(Offerings added to the Joyful Noise Pail are for mission partner Heifer International)

Children are dismissed to Church School

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

"Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken" | *LISTEN*

(Soloist sings first time, all sing second time)



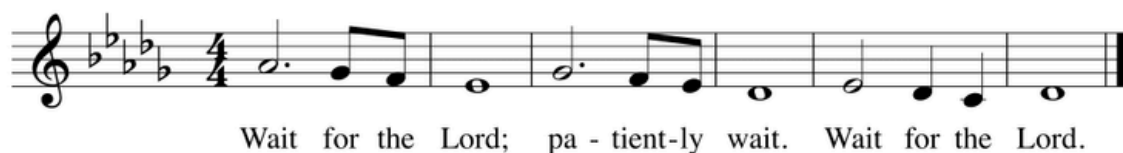
Lis-ten to the word that God has spo-ken; lis-ten to the
One who is close at hand; lis-ten to the voice that be-
gan cre - a - tion; lis-ten e-ven if you don't un - der-stand.

FIRST LESSON | PROPHET

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

SECOND LESSON | PSALM

Psalms 37 | *Hal Hopson* (b. 1933)



Wait for the Lord; pa - tient-ly wait. Wait for the Lord.

THIRD LESSON | EPISTLE

2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5 | NT p. 213

SERMON

"A Call to Proclaim: More Than a Word" | *Brian Shivers*


WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN


"We Praise the Word of God" | LEONI



1. We praise the Word of God, made flesh in Je - sus Christ:
2. We learn the Word of God in sto - ries of the faith:
3. We live the Word of God when good news we pro - claim:



the well - spring of un - dy - ing love, the bread of life;
the Scrip - tures' liv - ing wit - ness to God's truth and grace;
when cap - tives find their lib - er - ty and lose their chains;



who spoke with hu - man lips, yet taught with heav - en's voice;
where proph - ets cry for peace, a - pos - tles preach and pray,
when mourn - ers sing with joy the Word of God re - sounds,



in whom we put our hope and trust, and still re - joice.
and saints of all the ag - es seek God's ho - ly way.
the Spir - it of the Lord still speaks, and grace a - bounds.

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

"Introit and Kyrie" (from *Requiem in D minor*, Op. 48) | *Gabriel Faure* (1845 - 1924)

Te decet hymnus, Deus in Sion,
et tibi reddetur votum in Jerusalem:
exaudi orationem meam,
ad te omnis caro veniet.
Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

*A hymn befits you, God in Zion,
and a vow to you shall be fulfilled in Jerusalem:
Hear my prayer,
for unto you all flesh shall come.
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.*

*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. 706

"Commit Your Way to God the Lord" | *GUILSBOROUGH*

Commit Your Way to God the Lord 706

(Psalm 37)



1 Com - mit your way to God the Lord: your cause will
2 Be still be - fore the Lord and wait, and do not
3 Sal - va - tion comes from God a - lone: the faith - ful
4 Com - mit your way to God the Lord; to peace and



shine as bright as fire; de - light to do God's
fret when wrong suc - ceeds; re - frain from an - ger,
know their help is sure; to heav - en, all our
truth and grace as - pire; then mer - cy shall be



ho - ly word and you shall find what you de - sire.
turn from hate, for God will pun - ish e - vil deeds.
needs are known, and in God's strength we are se - cure.
your re - ward; God's prom - is - es, your heart's de - sire.

John Calvin summarized Psalm 37 by saying, "It enjoins us to confide in the providence of God." This compact paraphrase maintains that perspective by drawing mainly on the psalm's promises and assurances rather than on its descriptions of the activities of the wicked.

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

May the blessing of the triune God -
holy, holy, holy Lord -
be with you now and always.

Alleluia.

Go from here to fulfill your calling as disciples of the Way of Jesus.

**We will listen for God's Word,
we will live with abundant hope,
we will promote justice,
we will be compassionate,
we will seek new friends,
we will strengthen the faith community.**

May the grace of Jesus Christ,
who teaches, saves and sustains,
go with you.

Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

"I'm Gonna Sing 'Til The Spirit Moves In My Heart" | *Moses Hogan (1953-2003)*

IN WORSHIP

The hymn which follows today's sermon, "We Praise the Word of God," was written by theologian and musician David Gambrell (born 1972) in 2009. Gambrell claims his text is based on the "Word of God as understood by theologian Karl Barth" (1886 – 1968). The hymn articulates a threefold understanding of the Word – as Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh (stanza one); as the biblical story of the Old and New Testaments (stanza two); and as the message of the gospel proclaimed in preaching and through the witness of each believer in daily life (stanza three). A native of Baton Rouge, Louisiana David Gambrell serves as Associate for Worship in the PCUSA Office of Theology and Worship, Louisville, Kentucky.

Our Offertory, "Introit and Kyrie," is the first movement of Gabriel Faure's Requiem for chorus and orchestra. Join us at 4:00 Sunday, March 16th as Chancel Choir, orchestra and baritone Michael Preacely perform the work as part of our Sound & Spirit series. There is no admission for this concert.

At the conclusion of the service, the Chancel Choir sings an original African American spiritual composed by Moses Hogan (1957 - 2003), "I'm Gonna Sing 'Til the Spirit Moves in My Heart." The piece begins with tenors making an energetic declaration that repeats throughout. The rest of the choir enters with the rhythmic drive "Sing, oh my Jesus." The basses then take the lead with the conviction "It was grace that brought me..." In the middle section, the tenors begin a winding melody on "Can't you feel it movin'." Altos and Sopranos follow, and the phrase soars up and then disappears, perhaps depicting the spirit/Spirit. The opening material returns more emphatically for the final stanza ("I'm gonna shout...") and the piece ends with a moan. Moses Hogan published over 70 works in his short life, and his spiritual arrangements and compositions have influenced a generation of conductors, singers, and listeners.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*
Marko Petričić | *Organist*
Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*
Daniel Backfish-White & Jonathan Shinn | *Cantors*
Chancel Choir

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Events and Announcements

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!



Presbyterian Pacer Party | Mar. 2nd | 5:00 pm

Join our friends from Witherspoon and Irvington for a night of basketball and fellowship! Tickets are \$25 and space is limited, so scan the QR code or visit the events page to purchase yours today!



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 Carol McDonald and Emi Johnson for *Planning Your Celebration of Life*. Lunch will be followed by workshops exploring funeral planning, financial legacy, planning your Celebration of Life service, and crafting an obituary.



Adult Ed: Writing Our Faith Legacy Stories | Mar. 12th | 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Led by Mary Beth Riner, Girtha Perkins, and Emi Johnson, this four-part adult ed class starts March 12th and will guide participants on writing their legacy stories in terms of faith life, church life, and personal life.

Sound & Spirit: Eternal Light | Mar. 16th | 4:00 pm

The Northminster Chancel Choir and orchestra, featuring Michael Preacely, Baritone, perform Gabriel Fauré's ethereal *Requiem*, along with repertoire by Tye, Lauridsen, Hogan and Trotta.



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

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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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