



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Transfiguration of the Lord | March 2, 2025, 10:00 am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Te Deum" | Gregorian chant

We praise you, O God: we acknowledge you to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship you, the Father everlasting.
To you all angels cry aloud: the heavens and all the powers.
To you Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of your glory.

The glorious chorus of the Apostles,
The godly fellowship of the Prophets,
The noble army of Martyrs, praise you.
Throughout the whole world, the holy Church doth acknowledge you.
The Father of an infinite majesty;
They praise your admirable, true and only Son;
and also the Holy Spirit, our Comforter.

You are the King of Glory, O Christ.
You are the everlasting Son of the Father.
When you delivered us, you became human,
and did not disdain the Virgin's womb.

When you overcame the sharpness of death,
You opened up the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.
You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father.
We believe that you will come to be our Judge.
Therefore, we beseech you to come to the aid of your servants,
whom you have redeemed by your precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with your
saints in glory forever.

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



*LITANY FOR TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Blessed is the Lord our God, who revealed the law to Moses.

The Lord our God is holy!

Blessed is the Lord our God, who has spoken through the prophets.

The Lord our God is holy!

Blessed is the Lord our God, who came to us in Jesus Christ.

The Lord our God is holy!

The One who spoke and called light out of darkness now shines in our hearts.

The Lord our God is holy!

Now we have seen the Glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The Lord our God is holy!

Great God of dazzling beauty, in Jesus Christ, your beloved,
we glimpse the image of your glory.

Teach us to listen to Jesus

so that we may hear your voice and follow your way;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 190

“Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory” | *GENEVA*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion,
in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory,
but we turn away, distracted by our own plans.
We confess that we listen when we should speak,
we speak when we should listen,
We wait when we should act,
and act when we should wait.

Forgive our aimless enthusiasms.
Grant us wisdom to live in your light
and to follow in the way of your beloved Son,
Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

*SILENT CONFESSION

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The one who calls light out of darkness
now shines in our hearts to reveal the glory of God
in the face of Jesus Christ.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

190 Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory



1 Swift - ly pass the clouds of glo - ry, heav - en's voice, the
2 Glimpsed and gone the rev - e - la - tion, they shall gain and
3 Lord, trans-fig - ure our per - cep - tion with the pur - est



daz - zling light; Mo - ses and E - li - jah van - ish;
keep its truth, not by build - ing on the moun - tain
light that shines, and re - cast our life's in - ten - tions



Christ a - lone com - mands the height! Pe - ter, James, and
an - y shrine or sa - cred booth, but by fol - low -
to the shape of your de - signs, till we seek no



John fall si - lent, turn - ing from the sum - mit's rise down - ward
ing the Sav - ior through the val - ley to the cross and by
oth - er glo - ry than what lies past Cal - vary's hill and our



toward the shad - owed val - ley where their Lord has fixed his eyes.
test - ing faith's re - sil - ience through be - tray - al, pain, and loss.
liv - ing and our dy - ing and our ris - ing by your will.

The first two stanzas of this 20th-century Transfiguration hymn guide singers through a contemplation of the disciples' experience of that event. The final stanza becomes a corporate prayer for enlightenment and for a renewed sense of commitment to doing God's will.

*RESPONSE

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

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.

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

FIRST LESSON | PROPHET

Exodus 34: 29-35 | *OT p. 81*

SECOND LESSON | EPISTLE

Luke 9: 28-37 | *NT p. 69-70, Spark Bible p. 358*

SERMON

“We Are Sent Into The World: Be Church” | *Brian Shivers*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Philippians 2: 5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name
that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

"Grand Choeur" | *Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)*

*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

"O Bread of Life" | *J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

O bread of life from heaven, O food to pilgrims given,
O manna from above:
Feed with the blessed sweetness of your divine completeness
the souls that want and need your love.

O fount of grace redeeming, O river ever streaming
from Jesus' wounded side:
Come now, your love bestowing on thirsting souls,
and flowing till all are fully satisfied.

We love you, Jesus, tender, in all your hidden splendor
within these means of grace.
Oh, let the veil be riven, and our clear eye in heaven
behold your glory face to face.

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
Per Harling

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and

earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Per Harling

Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

The musical score consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom, both in 6/8 time. The melody is written in the treble clef and the accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

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

Per Harling

A - men, a - men, a - men.

The musical score consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom, both in 6/8 time. The melody is written in the treble clef and the accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

All are welcome. All bread is gluten-free.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

“Cantique de Jean Racine” | *Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)*

Verbe, égal au Très-Haut,
notre unique espérance,
Jour éternel de la terre et des cieux,
De la paisible nuit nous rompons le silence.
Divin Sauveur,
jette sur nous les yeux.

*Word equal to the Most High,
our unique hope,
eternal day of the earth and of the heavens,
we break the silence of the peaceful night;
Divine Saviour,
cast your eyes upon us.*

Répands sur nous
le feu de ta grâce puissante
Que tout l'enfer fuie
au son de ta voix.
Dissipe le sommeil d'une âme languissante
Qui la conduit à l'oubli de tes lois.

*Spread out over us
the fire of your mighty grace
so that hell itself flees
at the sound of your voice.
Dispel the slumber of a pining soul
which drives it to forget your laws.*

O Christ, sois favorable à ce peuple fidèle
Pour te bénir maintenant rassemblé.
Reçois les chants qu'il offre
à ta gloire immortelle
Et de tes dons qu'il retourne comblé.

*O Christ, show favor to these faithful people
Now assembled to praise you.
Receive the songs that they offer
to your immortal glory,
and may they return laden with your gifts.*

PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

**We give you thanks, Lord Jesus Christ,
for the gifts of grace we have received from your hand.
Now send us forth to reflect your light,
proclaiming your saving death and resurrection
until you come again in glory.
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

"We Have Seen the God of Glory" | *DIVINUM MYSTERIUM*



1. We have seen the God of glo - ry in the face of Je - sus Christ:
2. We have heard the voice of wis - dom in the Word of God made flesh,
3. We will share the gos - pel sto - ry, we will bear the light of Christ,



whol - ly hu - man, tru - ly ho - ly, source and sum - mit of our life.
call - ing for the new cre - a - tion, sing - ing with the Spir - it's breath.
bring - ing good news to the na - tions, lift - ing up the bread of life.



God, who sum - moned light from dark - ness, shin - ing in our



hearts to - day, we will praise your name for - ev - er.

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

Friends, may the very face of God shine upon you
with beauty and blessing.

Alleluia!

Now go forth to serve in peace, beloved people of God.

We go in wonder, love, and praise.

Amen.

***RESPONSE**

“Hallelujah, We Sing Your Praises” | HALLELUYA! PELE TSA RONA

(Worshippers may sing Refrain on cue from leader)

Refrain, sung twice each time



Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais-es; all our



hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your

IN WORSHIP

Today, many Christians around the world observe the Transfiguration of the Lord. "Transfiguration" refers to a change in form or appearance. At the Transfiguration, we celebrate the revelation of divine glory in the human life of Jesus Christ. Jesus' radiant appearance on the mountaintop evokes the consuming fire of the glory of the Lord at Mount Sinai. Standing with Moses and Elijah, Jesus represents the fulfillment of the law and baptism, as God again claims him as a "beloved child." This event also looks forward to his death and resurrection, as the one who is lifted up on the cross will reveal the glorious victory of God.

Our opening hymn, No. 190 "Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory," was written by the late Presbyterian theologian and author Thomas Troeger (1945 - 2022). The text is based on the account of the Transfiguration that appears in Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Rather than providing a narrative of the event, the hymn offers a reflection on the various elements of the three disciples' experience. The transience of clouds and voice and light, the vanishing of Moses and Elijah, and the inadequacy of shrines or booths all become identified with the past, while the possible thrust of the hymn is toward the future and a life of engaged faith. The melody, GENEVA, was composed by George Henry Day (1883 - 1966), who named it for the New York town where he was organist and choirmaster at Trinity Episcopal Church for 30 years.

During the Eucharist, the Chancel Choir sings "Cantique de Jean Racine," composed by 20 year old Gabriel Fauré in his final year of study at École Niedermeyer. He entered the piece, dedicating it to Camille Saint-Saëns, in a composition competition and won first prize. The text is Jean Racine's French translation of the Latin hymn *Consors paterni liminis*, ("O Light of Light") published in the 1688 *Hymnes traduites du Breviaire romain*. The Chancel Choir will sing this piece with orchestra in the March 16th Fauré *Requiem* concert here at Northminster.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*
Doug Shafer-Johnson, Sam Spade, John Wright | *Cantors*
Craig Hittle | *Liturgist*
Marko Petričić | *Organist*
Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*
Chancel Choir

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Events and Announcements

Ashes To Go | Mar. 5th | 12:00 - 1:00 pm & 4:00 - 5:15 pm

Receive the imposition of ashes without leaving your car! Stop by the south parking lot on Wednesday, March 5th, for a blessing and ashes from Pastor Brian and Pastor Karen. Open to all! Available 12:00-1:00 pm & 4:00-5:15 pm.

Ash Wednesday Soup Supper | Mar. 5th | 5:30 - 6:45 pm

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.

Ash Wednesday Service | Mar. 5th | 7:00 pm

Experience Northminster's Ash Wednesday worship service with prayers, scripture readings, imposition of ashes, and communion as we commence the Lenten season. Live streaming will be available!

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.



Contemplative Prayer and Practice Circle (CPPC) | Mar. 12th | 4:15 - 5:15 pm

Join us in the Knox Room starting Wednesday, March 12th, for a weekly silent prayer session, including body prayer, chanting, walking, and meditative reading. Contact Mary Beth Riner for details!

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

Join us for a four-part workshop (3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/9) on writing faith legacy stories, led by Mary Beth Riner, Girtha Perkins, and Emi Johnson. Attend as many sessions as you'd like! No registration is needed.

Sound & Spirit: Requiem - Gabriel Fauré | Mar. 16th | 4:00 pm

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



March Mission Collection: Toothbrushes/Toothpaste

The Mission Team is collecting toothbrushes and toothpaste for our mission partner, Westminster Neighborhood Services! Help us restock the low shelves at Westminster by donating in the yellow bin in The Gathering Place

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

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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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