



# NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*Palm/Passion Sunday | April 13, 2025, 10:00 am*

### WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

#### WELCOME

#### PRELUDE

"We Sing Hosanna" | *Jeremy Russell (b. 1984)*

Here He comes, we sing hosanna,  
through the gates, we sing hosanna!  
Wave your palms, we sing hosanna!  
Save us Lord, we sing hosanna to You.

All glory, laud and honor, to Thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.  
Thou art the King of Israel, Thou, David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed one.

Here He comes, we sing hosanna,  
through the gates, we sing hosanna!  
Wave your palms, we sing hosanna!  
Save us Lord, we sing hosanna to You.

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

They brought the colt of a donkey to Jesus;  
and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus upon it.

**As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road.**

As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives,  
the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God  
joyfully with a loud voice  
for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

**"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"**

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him  
"Teacher, order your disciples to stop."  
He answered them:

**"I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."**

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



**\*HYMN NO. 196**

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor" | *VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN*

**ANTHEM**

"Mantos y Palmas (*Filled with Excitement*)" | *Ruben Ruiz Avila*

Filled with excitement, all the happy throng  
spread cloaks and branches on the city streets.  
There in the distance they begin to see,  
there on a donkey comes the Savior Christ.

*(Refrain)*

From every corner a thousand voices sing  
praise to the One who comes in the name of God.  
Our acclamation breaks forth in shouts of praise,  
our triumphant song of joy:  
"Hosanna, hosanna to Christ!  
Hosanna, hosanna to Christ!"

As in that entrance to Jerusalem,  
hosannas we will sing to Jesus Christ,  
to our Redeemer who still calls today,  
asks us to follow with our love and faith. *(Refrain)*

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Triumphant God,  
we have journeyed through this season of Lent  
in the hopes of drawing closer to you.  
Today we join the crowds of the ages in shouting your praises.  
While our lips give you glory,  
our lives seldom reflect your will.  
We sing of your greatness,  
but living faithfully is often beyond us.

Loving God, we know there are times we have betrayed you,  
denied you, and turned away from you.  
Forgive what we have done and who we have been.  
Ride into our hearts with healing grace.

**\*SILENT CONFESSION**

# All Glory, Laud, and Honor 196

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.  
our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra-cious King!

These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.

## \*KYRIE

Hal Hopson (b. 1933)

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Come — and heal us.

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

## \*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear the good news:

“Jesus, though he was in the form of God,  
did not count equality with God as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant...  
and became obedient to the point of death –  
even death on a cross.” (Philippians 2: 6-8)

Hear and believe that in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Praise God!**

**Forgiven and freed, let us share the peace of Christ with one another.**

## **\*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**

*"Mikotoba o Kudasai" | Yamushige Imakoma*

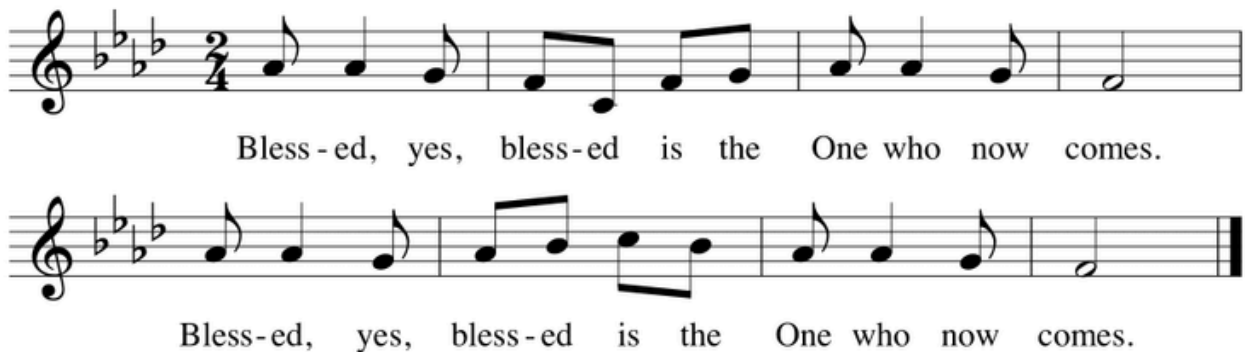
Make a gift of your holy Word,  
let it pour on my head and heart like your rain, sovereign and loving God.  
Let it fill my life each day, touch my hunger and my thirst,  
The deep suffering that I know on life's lonely, wandering way.

### **FIRST LESSON | GOSPEL**

Luke 19: 28-40 | NT p. 83, Spark Bible p. 454-459

### **SECOND LESSON | PSALMS**

Psalm 118: 19-26



### **THIRD LESSON | GOSPEL**

Luke 23: 1-28, 32-33 | NT p. 88-89, Spark Bible p. 474-481


### **SERMON**

*"Stones Cry Out" | Brian Shivers*


# WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

## \*HYMN

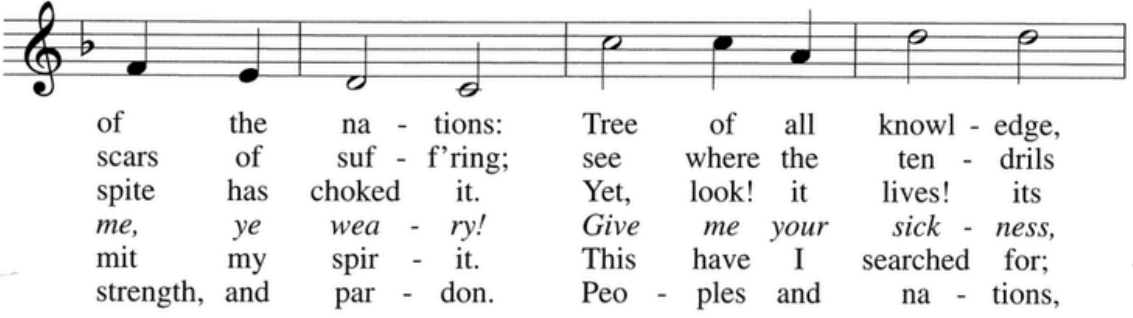
"There in God's Garden" | *SHADES MOUNTAIN*, arr. K. Lee Scott (b. 1951)



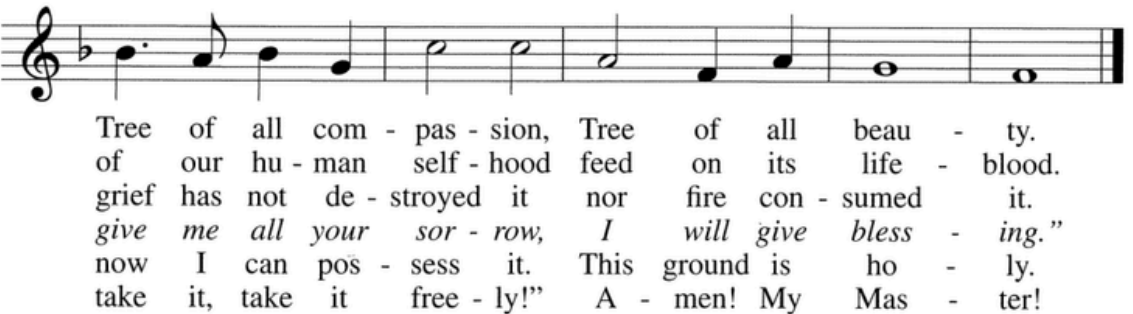
Choir	1. There	in	God's	gar - den	stands	the	Tree	of
Higher Voices	2. Its	name	is	Je - sus,	name	that	says,	"Our
Lower Voices	3. Thorns	not	his	own	are	tan - gled	in	its
Choir	4. See	how	its	branch - es	reach	to	us	in
All	5. This	is	my	end - ing,	this	my	res - ur -	
All	6. All	heav'n	is	sing - ing,	"Thanks	to	Christ	whose

Wis - dom, whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing  
 Sav - ior!" There on its branch - es see the  
 fo - liage; our greed has starved it, our de -  
 wel - come; hear what the Voice says, "Come to  
 rec - tion; in - to your hands, Lord, I com -  
 Pas - sion of - fers in mer - cy heal - ing,

of the na - tions: Tree of all knowl - edge,  
 scars of suf - f'ring; see where the ten - drills  
 spite has choked it. Yet, look! it lives! its  
 me, ye wea - ry! Give me your sick - ness,  
 mit my spir - it. This have I searched for;  
 strength, and par - don. Peo - ples and na - tions,

Tree of all com - pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.  
 of our hu - man self - hood feed on its life - blood.  
 grief has not de - stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.  
 give me all your sor - row, I will give bless - ing."  
 now I can pos - sess it. This ground is ho - ly.  
 take it, take it free - ly!" A - men! My Mas - ter!

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.

### OFFERING

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

### OFFERTORY

"Ride On, King Jesus" | *African-American spiritual, arr. William Dawson (1899-1990)*

### \*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" | *OLD 100TH*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit, evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.

### \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

### \*HYMN NO. 160

"A Stable Lamp Is Lighted" | *ANDUJAR*

### \*BLESSING AND CHARGE

We have shouted praises with the crowd!  
**Because even if we were silent  
the stones themselves would have called out.**  
We have shared the hope for a world about to be changed,  
**and then it changed.**  
We have walked with another crowd -  
**one that shouted scorn and condemnation.**  
And now we follow as the crowd moves toward the cross.  
Yet even as the shadows lengthen, we cannot lose hope.  
**Because God is with us.  
God will be with us.  
Whatever happens, we are not alone.**  
And so we wait...  
We watch...  
We follow the crowd...



# A Stable Lamp Is Lighted

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1 A sta - ble lamp is light - ed whose glow shall wake the  
 2 This child through Da - vid's cit - y shall ride in tri - umph  
 3 Yet he shall be for - sak - en, and yield - ed up to  
 4 But now, as at the end - ing, the low is lift - ed



sky; the stars shall bend their voic - es, and ev - ery stone shall  
 by; the palm shall strew its branch - es, and ev - ery stone shall  
 die; the sky shall groan and dark - en, and ev - ery stone shall  
 high; the stars shall bend their voic - es, and ev - ery stone shall



cry. And ev - ery stone shall cry, and  
 cry. And ev - ery stone shall cry, though  
 cry. And ev - ery stone shall cry, for  
 cry. And ev - ery stone shall cry, in



straw like gold shall shine; a barn shall har - bor  
 heav - y, dull, and dumb, and lie with - in the  
 hearts made hard by sin: God's blood up - on the  
 prais - es of the child by whose de - scent a -



heav - en, a stall be - come a shrine.  
 road - way to pave his king - dom come.  
 spear - head, God's love re - fused a - gain.  
 mong us the worlds are rec - on - ciled.

The doubled lines in each stanza of this reflection on Christ's birth and death echo his saying (Luke 19:40) that creation will praise him if people are silent. This text by a former Poet Laureate of the United States is set to a lullaby-like tune specially composed for it.



## CHORAL RESPONSE

"Ah, Holy Jesus" | *HERZLIEBSTER JESU*, arr. John Ferguson (1941-2025)

Ah, holy Jesus, how have you offended,  
that mortal judgment has on you descended?  
By foes derided, by your own rejected,  
O most afflicted!

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## IN WORSHIP

The hymn following the sermon, "There in God's Garden," centers around the image of a tree – a tree of wisdom, knowledge, compassion and beauty, whose name also is Jesus. Additionally, the hymn makes the point that Christ's passion offers healing, strength, and pardon to all. The hymn in its original form, by Hungarian author Pécselyi Király Imre (c. 1590 – 1641), was a meditation of Jesus' seven last words from the cross and contained fifteen stanzas. Alabama composer K. Lee Scott (born 1950) composed the fitting tune specifically for this hymn, a tune he claims is his "favorite." It was named after the mountain where he has resided for the past 30 years. Shades Mountain, in north central Alabama, is the first ripple of the Appalachian Mountain chain.

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*  
Peace Choir  
Marko Petričić | *Organist*  
Chancel Choir  
Won Ho Kim | *Guitarist*  
Krista Wright | *Soloist*  
Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*  
Mike Boris | *Liturgist*  
Benjamin Plunkett | *Cantor*  
Elisabeth Kleinsmith | *Soloist*

## Peace Choir Members

Mae Dinwiddie	Emmett Jasiak	Quinn Mann
Norah Ellington	Benneit Kincaid	Ava Purdue
Tabitha Ellington	Bear King	Ella Purdue
Luciana Higgins	James Mann	Miles Shadday

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# Holy Week Worship

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## **Maundy Thursday | Apr. 17 | 7:00 pm**

Gathered around the table of the last supper, we will encounter the visible symbols of Jesus' last earthly night. Holy Communion will be served.

## **Good Friday Tenebrae | Apr. 18 | 7:00 pm**

The ancient service of tenebrae includes readings, anthems, hymns, and the extinguishing of candles featuring Northminster's Chancel Choir and string quartet.

## **Easter Sunday | Apr. 20 | 10:00 am**

Join us during our regular worship time for a joyful celebration of the resurrection with Northminster's Chancel Choir and brass quintet.

## **Labyrinth | Apr. 13 - 19**

The Northminster Labyrinth is available in the Chapel from now through Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, and is open during regular building hours.



# Events and Announcements

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## **Easter Plant & Decor Donations | Orders Due Apr. 15 | 12:00 pm**

Consider a \$25 donation for plants and décor! Your dedication will be printed in the Easter bulletin. You may either donate online or complete a form and submit payment to the office.



## **Easter Egg Hunt | Apr. 19 | 10:00 am**

Candy and prizes for children of all ages! A Spark Coffee truck will be available for adults. Registration begins at 10:00 am, and the hunt begins at 10:30 am. Candy donations in the Gathering Place are appreciated!

## **New Member Class | Apr. 22 | 5:30 - 7:30 pm**

Anyone interested in joining NPC as a member is invited to join us at 5:30 pm for dinner and a class at 5:45 pm! A second opportunity is available if needed. Scan the QR code to RSVP and contact the office if you have any questions.



## **"Food, Insecure" Film Screening | Apr. 23 | 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Join us as we view "Food, Insecure," a 30-minute documentary about three families in Indiana struggling with hunger. Hear their stories and following the screening, join us for a discussion with one of the filmmakers about what we can do to truly end hunger!

## **Night Without a Bed | May 3 | 12:00 - 2:00 pm**

"Night Without a Bed" aims to raise funds to support Family Promise's 20+ temporary housing apartments, and we need your support! Scan the QR code to learn more and donate. Please contact Dolly Craft with any questions.



## **Women's Wellness Symposium | May 10 | 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

Expert clinicians lead classes in Guided Meditation, Value-Based Boundary Setting, Creating Sacred Spaces, Yoga, and more! Registration is \$20 per person, and lunch is provided. Childcare is available! Register using the QR code or online.



## **Spring Work Days | May 16 & 17 | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Sign up to help with projects in and around the church to maintain and improve our space! All skill levels welcome, and childcare is available if needed. Questions? Contact Emma Moore, Blaine Dinwiddie, or Craig Hittle. Wear clothes you can get messy!



## **Matthew Black Concert | May 18 | 5:00 - 6:00 pm**

Indie-folk singer-songwriter, Matthew Black, brings his incisive lyrics and singable melodies to Northminster on May 18th! Join us for this free concert that is open to all. Learn more about Matthew Black by scanning the QR code.



## **Religious Art and Faith | 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays | 8:00 - 9:30 am**

Join the Men's Prayer Breakfast, led by Jerry Gray, on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays through July 16th as they contemplate a painting of one of the Masters and how they express a biblical scene.

*Additional events and information can be found on our website at [northminster.church/events](http://northminster.church/events)*

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**Teri Thomas**  
*Pastor Emerita*

**Tony Dzwonar**  
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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.

## Parenting and Sensory Rooms

Behind the sanctuary in the Narthex are Parenting and Sensory Rooms. The Parenting Room offers a private space for feeding, changing diapers, and calming children. Toys, games, and books are also available!

The Sensory Room provides a quieter, darker space with tools for those with sensory needs. Both rooms have TVs for livestreaming the service via YouTube. Fidgets and noise-dimming headphones are available outside the Sensory Room.

## Prayer Lists

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

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