



Northminster Presbyterian Church

Seek Serve Embrace

Engaging with neighbors near and far in Christ's love

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 30, 2022 10:00 a.m.
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Commitment Sunday

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

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

Brian Shivers

PRELUDE

We all believe in one true God, BWV 680

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jackie Gritton

We come to worship God in many ways.

We come singing, dancing, and shouting for joy.

We come grieving, mourning, and crying for loss.

We come asking, praying, and seeking peace.

We come to worship as we are, knowing that God will meet us here.

Come, Holy Spirit, and fill this place.

Let us worship the Triune God!

***HYMN NO. 404**

What Is This Place?

KOMMT NU MET ZANG

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Cheryl Plunkett

Merciful and loving God,

we confess we have not turned away from sin.

We follow the crowd around you but stand apart,
keeping our distance.

We ask for your mercy,

but begrudge your blessing to others.

Forgive us, God of grace.

Come to us and save us, for without you, we are lost,
but in you, our lives are found.

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Cheryl Plunkett & Jackie Gritton

Friends, this is what God's love is like:

You are forgiven before asking.

We are saved without conditions.

We are loved beyond measure.

Rejoice in this good news – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven,

and freed to try again.

***GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME**

Paul Vasile

HYMN NO. 582

***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 HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

CHILDREN'S TIME

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

Children are released to Church School.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Living Word of God Eternal

Jeffery Rowthorn

Chancel Choir

Living Word of God eternal, laying claim to every age;

Jesus, speak through all our speaking, bring to life the Bible's page;

Let your gospel heard and heeded, set our course of pilgrimage.

EPISTLE LESSON

2 Thessalonians 1: 1-4, 11-12 (p. 205-206)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 32: 1-7

Hal Hopson

(born 1929)

Sam Spade, Cantor



God is kind and gra - cious. God heals the bro - ken spir - it.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

To See and Be Seen

Brian Shivers

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN

When Jesus Passed through Jericho

DOVE OF PEACE



1. When Je - sus passed through Jer - i - cho, The
2. Zac - chae - us, small and scorned by all, Thought
3. He watched be - neath the sway - ing boughs The
4. Zac - chae - us took the Lord straight home And,
5. The friend of sin - ners Je - sus was And



peo - ple crowd - ed round To see the one who
he should al - so see The Mas - ter when he
man from Gal - i - lee. And Je - sus saw his
while they shared a meal, Told Je - sus he would
is the same to - day. He nev - er sees a



healed the sick, By whom the lost were
came to town, And so he climbed a
lone - ly face And said, "Come, eat with
help the poor And nev - er cheat or
lone - ly face And looks the oth - er



found, By whom the lost were found.
tree, And so he climbed a tree.
me." And said, "Come, eat with me."
steal, And nev - er cheat or steal.
way, And looks the oth - er way.

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

Hymn of Praise

Renee Clausen
(Born 1953)
Chancel Choir

Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God in His holy temple;
in the firmament of His power.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God in His mighty majesty,
and with pure and humble heart.
Praise Him with the sound of the ram's horn,
praise Him with lyre and harp, lyre and harp, lute and melody.

Praise him timbrel and dance.
Praise Him with harp, strings, and violin, lute, and trumpet, all to His name.
Let everything that has life and breath sing praises unto the Lord!
With cymbal and pipe, with shining stars!
We sing hosanna!

For Thou hast been our dwelling place from one generation to another,
before the mountains were brought forth,
or e'er the earth was formed, even from everlasting to everlasting,
Thou art God. Amen.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God in His holy temple.
Amen. Alleluia, Amen!

*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. 301

Let us Build a House

TWO OAKS

(As the hymn is sung, worshippers are invited to come forward to place their 2023 commitment cards in the Joyful Noise pail.)

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

And now may the grace of Christ attend you,
the love of God surround you,
and the Holy Spirit keep you this day and forevermore.

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on What Is This Place?

Marko Petričić

Music in Worship

The sung response to the Declaration of Forgiveness, Hymn No. 582 “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me,” has become a favorite of Northminster parishioners. This setting of the Gloria Patri (Glory to the Father) was first introduced to us when we were one of the “Hymnal experiment churches” in the early stages of the formation of our 2013 hymnal, *Glory to God*. The Gloria Patri is an ancient response to the promise of God’s mercy and reconciliation and is sung by most reformed churches each Service for the Lord’s Day. The composer of this setting, Paul Vasile (born 1984), serves as the Executive Director of “Music that Makes Community” in Washington, D.C.

Today’s Offertory, “Hymn of Praise,” was written in 1984 for the Trinity United Methodist Choir, Hutchinson, Kansas, by American educator, conductor, and composer René Clausen. The piece, written in ABA form, is a paraphrase of Psalms 90 and 150. Even though the piece is only 4 minutes in length, it contains 7 sections, which move seamlessly from one transition to the next. René Clausen recently retired as the conductor of the Concordia Choir, Moorhead, Minnesota, a position he has held since 1986. He is the artistic director of the Emmy Award-winning *Concordia Christmas Concerts*, which are frequently featured by PBS stations throughout the nation.

American composer and arranger Marty Haugen (born 1950) wrote our final hymn, No. 301 “Let us Build a House,” for a church dedication. Although the five stanzas use the imagery of construction, the real emphasis is not on a physical structure but a spiritual one. The essential frame of reference is those who inhabit this place, affirming the vital distinction that the church is not the building but the people. Of the hymn, Haugen has stated he wanted to write a text “that reflects the welcome to table fellowship that Jesus offered unconditionally to everyone.” The tune name, TWIN OAKS, refers to two large oaks that frames Haugen’s uncle and aunt’s house in Michigan, which is where Haugen was when he composed it. Mary Haugen was raised in the American Lutheran Church, received a BA in psychology from Luther College, yet has worked for the Roman Catholic Church for most of his life. He is currently the composer in residence at Mayflower Community Congregational Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Over 400 of Haugen’s compositions are published.

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Announcements

Save the Date November 20th – 4:00 pm – Installation of Rev. Brian Shivers. More details to come.

Drumstick Dash Volunteers Needed! | Nov. 24th | 7:00 am – 12:00 pm

We're in need of volunteers to assist with this year's Thanksgiving Drumstick Dash. We will be opening our doors to runners who need to use the facilities as well as providing hot chocolate and a warm place to relax. Volunteers who are willing to help make & serve hot chocolate, provide directions to runners and their families, and bodies to help set-up/clean-up are greatly appreciated!

Angels with Cy - Wednesday Night Art Class | Nov. 2nd | 6:00 pm

Join Cy Donnelly to create a beautiful art piece to take with you. Register on the Event page online; \$3 fee required; space is limited.

Final Midtown Market Date | Nov. 5th | 10:00 am

From beeswax body care to hand-strung beaded jewelry, artisans from all over the midtown area will come to Northminster. This will be an excellent opportunity to support local artisans and introduce families in the area to our church.

Middlers Revival | Nov. 5th | 6-8:00 pm Join your church friends for a fun and casual dinner at the home of Liz and Steve Neterval. The Middlers have traditionally been for those in their 40s to 60s, but all are welcome! Please bring a side, dessert, or beverage to share. RSVP to eneterval@gmail.com or call the church office at 317-251-9489 by Wednesday, November 2.

Adult Education: Supporting Families in Housing Crises | Nov. 6th | 11:10 am

In 1994 the Indianapolis chapter of Interfaith Hospitality Network was established and Northminster was a founding congregation. Until 2019 we hosted up to four families two to three times a year in our church building. When Covid hit, Family Promise, which included the Interfaith Hospitality Network, had to find a new way to serve homeless families. Join us in Calvin Hall where Dolly Craft and Ben Greenfield, incoming board chair of Family Promise will discuss the changing nature of how we can engage with families in our community who are facing homelessness.

Northminster Community Yoga | Oct. 30th & Nov. 6th | 5:30 pm

Join Krista Wright for Northminster Community Yoga, select Sundays through December. Class is 5:30-6:30 pm in Calvin Hall; \$10 adults, \$5 students. All are welcome, no experience needed, registration isn't required. For those new to yoga who may not have supplies, mats and blocks are available to borrow. Registration and payment can be made online under the "Events" section.

Adult Education: The State of Renting in Indianapolis | Nov. 13th | 11:10 am

We will meet in Calvin Hall and welcome the Indy Star's Housing and Real Estate Reporter, Ko Lyn Cheang, to discuss what she has learned covering the housing and rental crisis in our community. Ko Lyn graduated from Yale as a Journalism Initiative Scholar and has won numerous awards as a professional journalist. Please bring your questions as we learn how we can be better citizens and advocates for our neighbors in need.

Sound & Spirit: Rob Dixon Trio | Nov. 13th | 5:00 pm

Jazz saxophonist and artistic director of the Indy Jazz Fest, Rob Dixon and his band bring their unique brand of arrangements and new compositions to Sound & Spirit. Doors open at 4:15 pm and admission is free.

Thinking about becoming a member of Northminster? Tuesday, November 15 at 5:30 join Pastor Brian Shivers, Parish Associate Carol McDonald and several members of Session in Calvin Hall for dinner and conversation about becoming part of this vibrant community of faith. At 7 pm, if you choose, meet with the Session to be received into membership. Call the church office at 317-251-9489 or email office@northminster-indy.org by Friday, November 11. We hope to see YOU!

Book Study: Reading the Bible Again for the First Time | Wednesdays | 6:00 pm

Join Rev. Carol McDonald and Rev. Brian Shivers for this ten-week exploration, taking the Bible seriously, but not literally. We'll meet at 6:00 pm in the Northminster Board Room. Books are available for purchase in the church office, \$15.

November Church School Teacher Sign Up

Would you like to show your love of God by caring for the youngest members of our Church Family? Are you willing to help our children learn about God, His Word, and grow their Faith in Him? We need people to help out in our Nursery, Preschool, and Children's Church Classes for October. You can sign up with the link provided below, or you can email Melissa Hopkins, Interim Director or Children's Ministry, at mhopkins@northminster-indy.org.

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To give by text message on a smartphone,
text the amount to (317) 316-3009.

Weekly Email Newsletters

Stay up to date with everything going on at Northminster. Sign up on the church website at
Menu/Resources/Publications.

Prayer List

The prayer list is now available 24/7 online! Go to the church website and access it under
Menu/Resources/Prayer.

Ministry

Brian Shivers
Pastor/Head of Staff

Carol McDonald
Parish Associate

Nancy Fortenberry
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Ministries

Melissa Hopkins
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Ministries

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