



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

New Year's Day Sunday | January 1, 2023, 10:00 am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

Brian Shivers

PRELUDE

"The Old Year Now Hath Passed Away" | *J.S. Bach (1685-1750); Clarice Stegall, Organist*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We wake up in the morning and see the sunrise:

how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

We are warmed by the sun; the rain cleanses all creation:

how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

We watch the moon light up the night, we fall asleep to the lullabies of the stars:

how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

Let us worship the One who was and is and shall be.

*HYMN NO. 687

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" | *ST. ANNE*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God of every moment, we admit we always find the time
to fill our stomachs, but not our souls.

We spend hours watching television, but not the wonders of Your creation.

We arrange outings with our friends yet ignore Your invitation to sit and talk.

We make resolutions to change every aspect of our lives,
except for that which pertains to You.

Forgive us, God of Glory, and make us new.

In the moments to come this year, remind us that if there is a time for
everything, then we do have moments for grace, for hope, for joy,
and for a relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

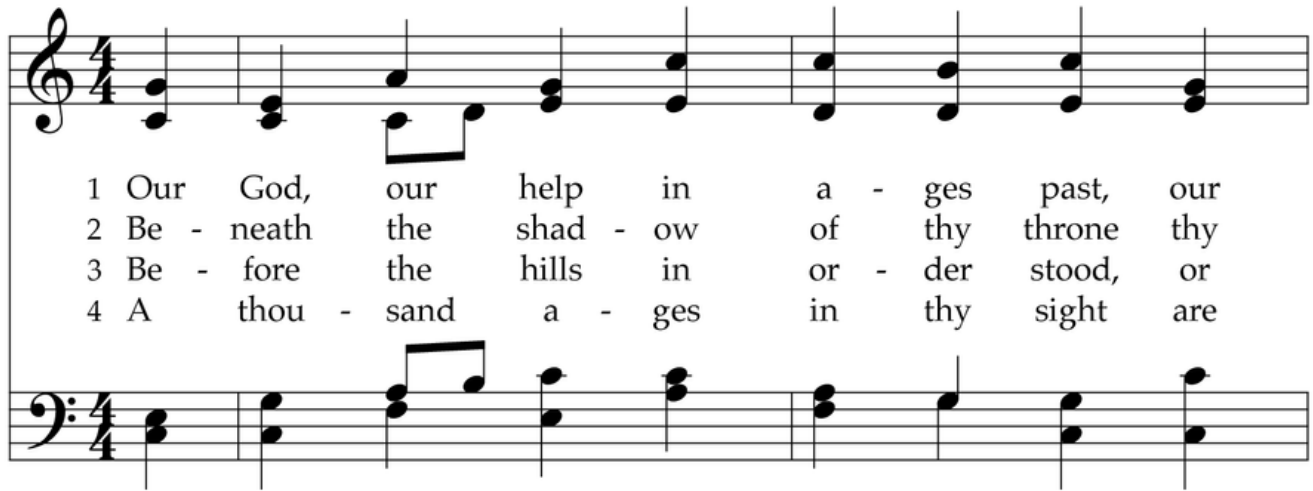
*SILENT CONFESSION

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



687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)



1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our
 2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are



hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that



storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
 bears all our years away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the opening day.

6 Our God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 be thou our guard while life shall last,
 and our eternal home.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

It's over - last year is gone.

Our words, our thoughts, our deeds are in the past.

Today, we begin anew. Today, and every day, God offers us life and hope.

Here, now, forever - you are forgiven and healed.

This year, let us live as those forgiven and freed!

*GLORIA

"Glory to God in the Highest" | *Carroll Andrews*

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Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

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Lord — God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y — God and Fa - ther, we

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wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

*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.)
Preschoolers are dismissed to Church School.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-13



HYMN NO. 25

"Our Lord, Our God, How Excellent" | WINCHESTER OLD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Revelation 21: 1-6

SERMON

"Now Is the Time" | Brian Shivers

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN

"This is a Day of New Beginnings" | BEGINNINGS

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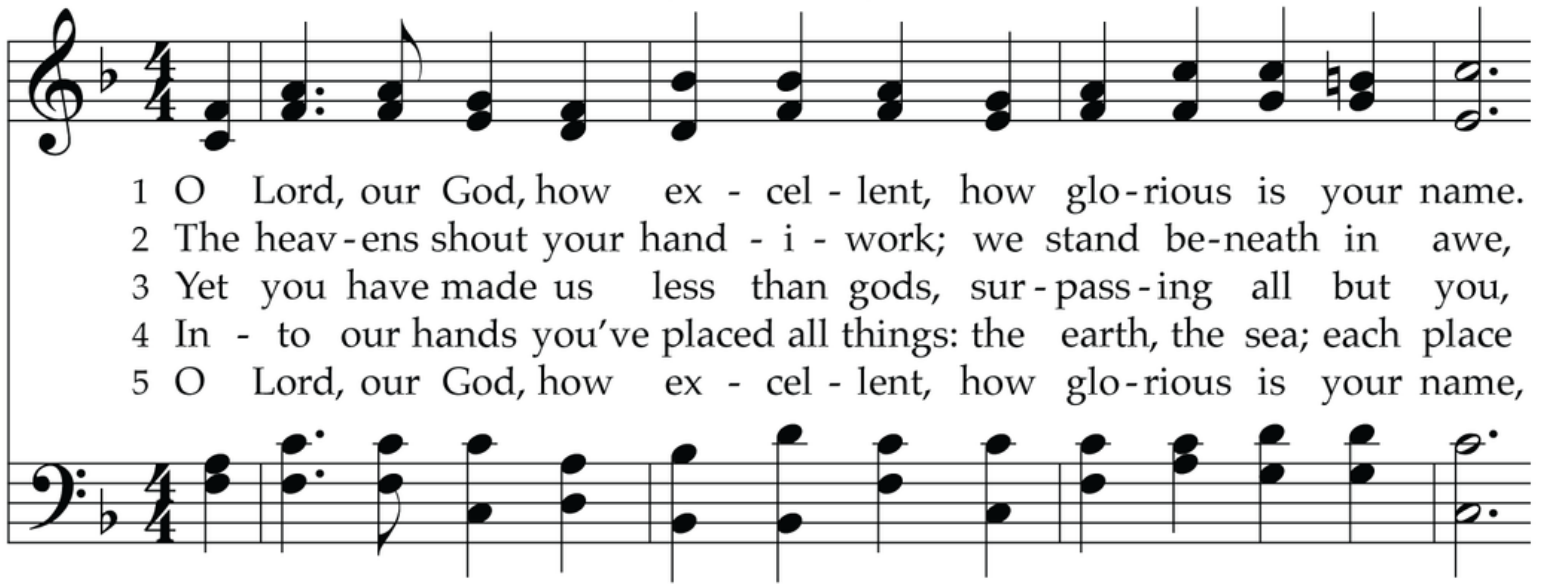


1 This is a day of new be-gin-nings, time to re-mem-ber
2 For by the life and death of Je-sus, love's might-y Spir-it,
3 Then let us, with the Spir-it's dar-ing, step from the past and
4 Christ is a-live, and goes be-fore us to show and share what
and move on, time to be-lieve what love is bring-ing,
now as then, can make for us a world of dif-ference,
leave be-hind our dis-ap-point-ment, guilt, and griev-ing,
love can do. This is a day of new be-gin-nings;
lay-ing to rest the pain that's gone.
as faith and hope are born a-gain.
seek-ing new paths, and sure to find.
our God is mak-ing all things new.

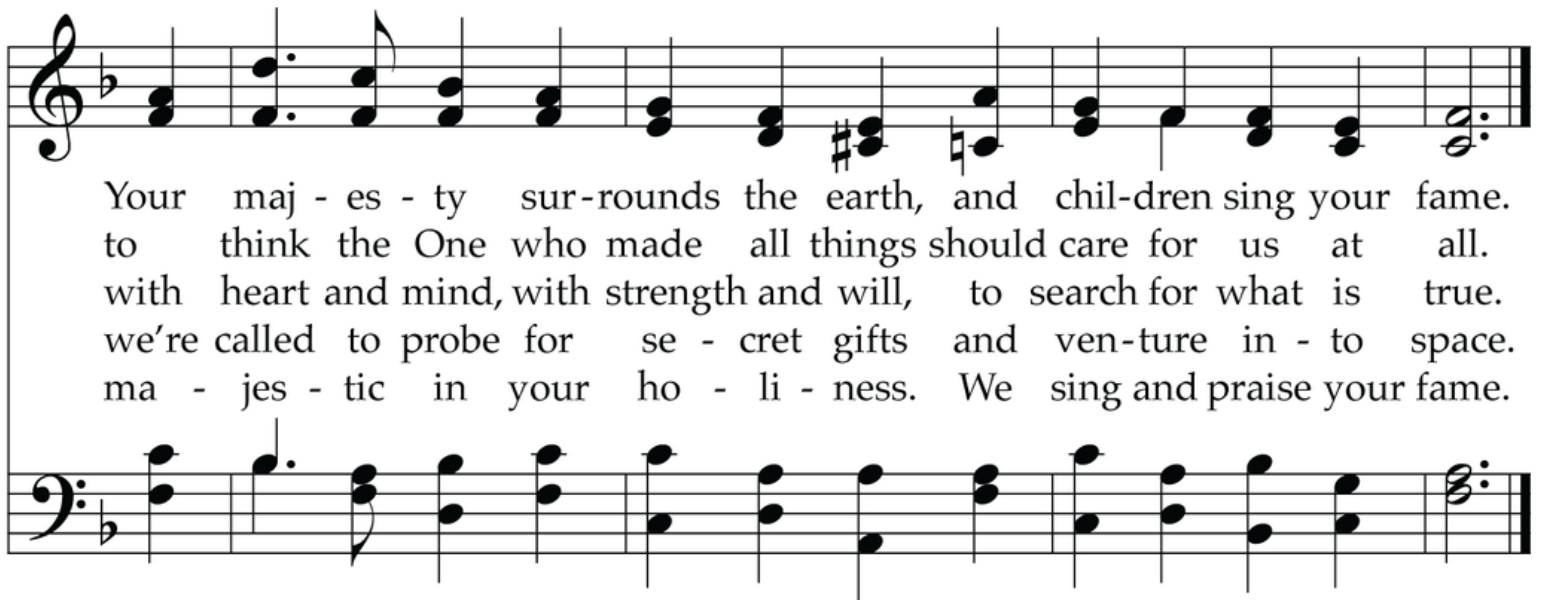


O Lord, Our God, How Excellent 25

(Psalm 8)



1 O Lord, our God, how ex - cel - lent, how glo - rious is your name.
2 The heav - ens shout your hand - i - work; we stand be - neath in awe,
3 Yet you have made us less than gods, sur - pass - ing all but you,
4 In - to our hands you've placed all things: the earth, the sea; each place
5 O Lord, our God, how ex - cel - lent, how glo - rious is your name,



Your maj - es - ty sur - rounds the earth, and chil - dren sing your fame.
to think the One who made all things should care for us at all.
with heart and mind, with strength and will, to search for what is true.
we're called to probe for se - cret gifts and ven - ture in - to space.
ma - jes - tic in your ho - li - ness. We sing and praise your fame.

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

OFFERTORY

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" | *Charles W. Ore*

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" | *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. 250

"In The Bulb There is a Flower" | *PROMISE*

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

Friends, you are the people of Christ, the people of the New Jerusalem.
We have been claimed by God.
Look bravely into the future and see the promise of the new year.
Let us see the abundance of God's gifts in the world.
Now go forth in God's strength, love, and grace.
Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE

"In Thee is Gladness" | *Charles W. Ore*



In the Bulb There Is a Flower 250

Hymn of Promise

Capo 3: (D)

(Em)



1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

(A7)

C7

(D)

F



in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

(D7)

(G)

(Em)

(D)

(Bm)

(Em)

(F#)

(Bm)

F7

Bb

Gm

F

Dm

Gm

A

Dm



In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

(G)

(Em)

(D)

(Bm)

(Em)

(A7)

(D)

Bb

Gm

F

Dm

Gm

C7

F



un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

MUSIC IN WORSHIP

Our hymn after the sermon, "This Is a Day of New Beginnings," connects with today's Revelation passage. The text, written by British hymn writer Bren Wren (born 1936), reminds us we are new people in Christ and receivers of God's grace. We can start afresh today. But moving on has a catch - there is a need to put to "rest the pain that's gone." There is the need to leave behind regrets, disappointment, guilt, and grieving. As we embrace "a day of new beginnings," may we open ourselves to the Spirit's leading. Let us consider what opportunities and blessings God might have in store for us. Let us keep watch so we do not miss them.

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Upcoming Events

Church Officers Ordination and Installation | Jan. 8 | 10:00 am

On Sunday, January 8 we will celebrate the ordination and installation of our church officers during worship at 10:00 a.m. Join us for a meaningful service of celebration of these new deacons and elders.

Northminster Presents: Delaney Barber | Jan. 11 | 6:00 pm

Delaney brings experience and knowledge on climate and energy programming currently for the Hoosier Environmental Council. We'll discuss the impacts of climate change, its contributing factors, and how Hoosiers can get involved.



Officer Retreat | Jan. 14 | 9:00 am

We will have our Church Officer Retreat from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm. All those currently serving as deacons and elders at Northminster will be in attendance. We will spend the morning talking about who we are as a church and dream big together!

Northminster Reads: Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You | Jan. 15 | 5:30 pm

A Zoom book discussion on *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You*; a remix of the National Book Award-winning *Stamped from the Beginning* by Ibram X. Kendi. The zoom link will be available soon.



Sound & Spirit: IIIrd Tyme Out | Feb. 3 | 7:00 pm

Winners of IBMA's Vocal Group of the Year and Male Vocalist of the Year numerous times, Russell Moore and IIIrd Tyme Out celebrate 30 years as a bluegrass band. As always, admission is free!



Northminster Presents: Carlabeth Mathias | Feb. 8 | 6:00 pm

Join us for Northminster Presents: Toolbox for Success: Helping Your Child Handle Stress and Anxiety. We will explore and navigate this important and timely topic and leave with practical ideas to help your child.



Italian Night Youth Fundraiser | Feb. 25

Italian Night is returning and we're currently accepting donations for our live and silent auctions! If you are interested in donating either purchased or homemade items to help support our youth, please scan the QR code or contact Kathryn Goncalves.



Sound & Spirit: Abel Family Quartet | Feb. 26 | 5:00 pm

The Abel Family Quartet is a string quartet based in Indianapolis playing Mozart, Quartet in G Major, K. 387, Schubert's Quartettsatz, and Brahms's Quartet in A Minor, Op. 51, No. 2. Admission is free!



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