



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Baptism of the Lord Sunday | January 8, 2023, 10:00 am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

Brian Shivers

GATHERING SONG

"Hymn No. 399: God Welcomes All" | *THEMBA AMEN*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The voice of God resounds upon the water.

The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.

The Son of God is named, "Beloved."

And all who worship shout out, "Glory!"

Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength.

Let us worship God in holy splendor.

*HYMN NO. 482

"Baptized in Water" | *BUNESSAN*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mighty and merciful God,
you claim us as beloved children and call us to follow you.
We confess that we have not lived up to our calling.
We have been timid and frightened disciples,
forgetful of your powerful presence
and the strength of your Spirit among us.
We pretend we can do nothing to further justice in
our world and shy away from taking risks for the sake of the gospel.

Forgive us, Lord.
Wash us again in the waters of baptism
and transform us by your grace,
so that our words and deeds may be pleasing in your sight.
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who offers us new life.

*SILENT CONFESSION

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

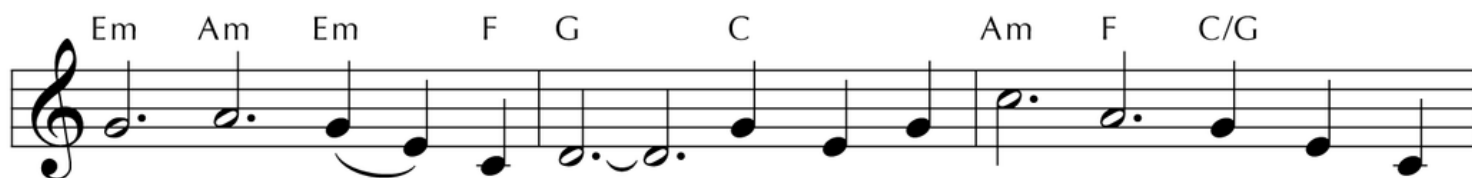


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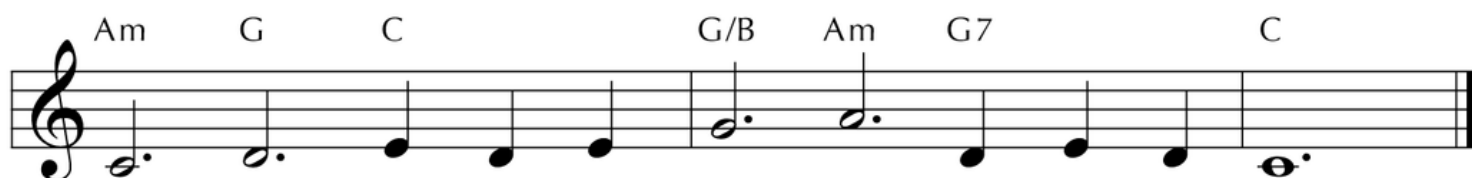
Baptized in Water



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing the
 tomb with Christ our King; one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
 sign of Christ our King; born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Beloved, God forgives your sins. Know you are free.
Let us now be at peace to love the Lord
and serve in the world.

*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

f
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.)
Children are dismissed to Church School.*



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

"Gathered in God's Name" | Michael Burkhardt

Refrain

with great joy!

Gath-ered from near and far, gath-ered in
this ho - ly place, gath-ered as strang-ers and
friends, gath-ered and gift - ed by grace.
Gath - ered in God's name 'round the liv - ing
Word. Gath - ered as one fam - 'ly
in the name of love, in the name of
slowing
love, in the name of love.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 42: 1-9 (p. 670-671)

PSALM 29

Hal Hopson (b. 1923); Choir Trebles

Praise the Lord. — Praise the name of the Lord.



GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 3: 13-17 (p. 3, Spark Bible p. 242)

SERMON

"Named, Called and Sent" | *Brian Shivers*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

"The Waters of Life" | *James Biery (b. 1956); Chancel Choir*

The Father's voice calls us above the waters,
The glory of the Son shines on us,
The love of the Spirit fills us with life.

from The Rite of Baptism for Children, 1969

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

WELCOME AND CHARGE

***HYMN NO. 747**

"The Lord Now Sends Us Forth" | *ENVIADO*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Christ, Our Lord, to Jordan Came, BWV 684" | *J. S. Bach (1685-1750)*

***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!



747 The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

Enviado soy de Dios

Em B Em B Em

The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give, to
En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá pa -

Am B7 Em

make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.
ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.

Am D G C

The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain to
Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar un

Am B7 Em

do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name; that
mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor; me

Am D G C

falls to you and me and all who are made free. Help
ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad. A -

Am B7 Em

us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.
yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & 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.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN NO. 543

"God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me" | *GREEN TYLER*

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
Alleluia!

Go out into the world in peace, have courage,
hold onto what is good.

**Let us return no one evil for evil,
strengthen the fainthearted,
support the weak, help the suffering,
dance with the happy, and weep with the sad.
Let us honor all people, love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

POSTLUDE

"Improvisation on ENVIADO" | *Marko Petričić*

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God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

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O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

MUSIC IN WORSHIP

This morning's opening hymn, No. 482 "Baptized in Water," was written by British theologian Michael Saward in 1981. The hymn lists some of the things God does in baptism – cleanses, makes us heirs of salvation, promises, brings death and life in Christ, frees, forgives, and gives new life in the Spirit as God's children. The Gaelic melody, BUNESSAN accompanies the text. Some of our worshippers may recall recording artist Cat Stevens, commonly known as Yusuf, used this tune in his 1972 recording of the hymn arrangement "Morning Has Broken."

Our final hymn, No. 543 "God be the Love to Search and Keep Me," was written by Richard Colligan (born 1967). Colligan wrote the hymn in 2003 when he was in the midst of a theology and arts degree at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities. He chose St. Patrick's Breastplate prayer as the basis of his text. The sparseness of the unrhymed language adds to the sense that this is the sung prayer by one on the move, someone engaged and active in community living.

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Upcoming Events

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.



Wednesday Night Adult Study | Jan. 18

Join us Wednesday evenings for our adult study! Starting January 18th, we will be led by Donald Knebel in "Religions of the World". Dates and topics can be found using the QR code to the right or on our website.



Hat & Mitten Drive Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated a total over 100 hats, gloves, mittens, socks and scarves! All of these will be taken to the Westminster Community Center on Monday January 9th. Your generosity will help keep others warm!



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