



# NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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*4th Sunday of Epiphany | January 29, 2023, 10:00 am*

### WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

#### WELCOME

*Brian Shivers*

#### PRELUDE

"Festival Voluntary" | *Flor Peeters (1903-1986); Marko Petričić, Organ*

#### INTROIT

"What does the Lord Require of You?" | *MOON; Choir Trebles*

What does the Lord require of you?

To seek justice and love kindness, to walk humbly with our God.

#### \*GATHERING PRAYER

Gracious God, you come to us in Christ

to rescue us from bondage and lead us out of captivity.

**Guide us by the wisdom of the cross,**

**and show us how to live a life of justice, love, and blessedness.**

**Amen.**

#### \*HYMN NO. 19

"God of Great and God of Small" | *GOD OF GREAT AND SMALL*

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Carol McDonald*

Merciful God,

we fail to do what is right.

We follow evil and do not speak the truth.

Even when we try our best to be faithful,

still we turn away from you.

Forgive us, accept us, and redeem us,

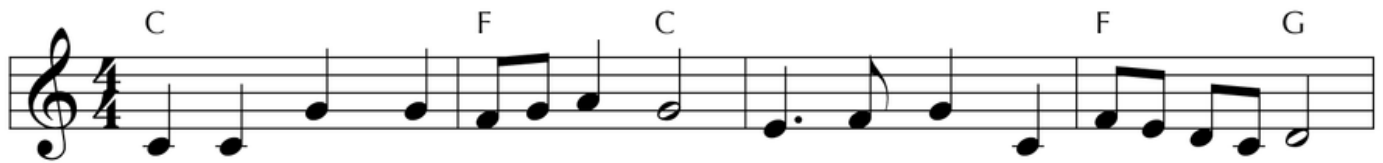
that we may seek to do what you call good.

#### \*SILENT CONFESSION

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



# God of Great and God of Small 19



1 God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,  
2 God of land and sky and sea, God of life and des - ti - ny,  
3 God of si - lence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,  
4 God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,



God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things be - long,  
God of nev - er - end - ing power, yet be - side me ev - ery hour,  
God of day and dark - est night, God whose love turns wrong to right,  
God of now and days be - fore, God who reigns for - ev - er - more,

## Refrain



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, praise be to your name.

## \*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Siblings in Christ, your sins are forgiven by the faith of Christ,  
**who chose love over hatred and forgiveness over blame.**  
Rejoice and be glad, for God's mercy is great;  
**Jesus brings healing, justice, and peace.**

## \*JESUS LOVES ME! *JESUS LOVES ME*

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong. They are weak but he is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

## \*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.)*

## ANTHEM

"I Will Sing of the Mercies" | *James Fillmore; Peace Choir*

## 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; Benjamin Plunkett, Cantor

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.

## FIRST LESSON

Micah 6: 1-8 (p. 866)

## PSALM 15

Steve Warner; Krista Wright, Cantor

*Refrain*

Lord, who shall be wel-come in your tent? Who may dwell on your ho - ly moun-tain?



## EPISTLE LESSON

I Corinthians 1: 18-31 (p. 166)

## SERMON

"It's Foolish" | *Brian Shivers*

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### \*HYMN NO. 372

"O for a World" | AZMON

## CALL TO PRAYER

Matthew 5: 1-12 (p. 4) (Spark Bible p. 264) | *Mason King*

## 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

"O for a closer walk with God" | *Charles Stanford (1852 - 1924); Chancel Choir*

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame;  
A light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb!  
Return, O holy Dove, return!

Sweet messenger of rest; I hate the sins that made thee mourn,  
drove thee from my breast.  
So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame;  
So purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

## \*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!



# O for a World

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1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re-spects each oth - er's ways,  
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re-lieved,  
3 We wel-come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice  
4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.  
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,

where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.  
where truth is spo - ken, chil-dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.  
that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.  
Tell all who mourn: out-casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.  
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

## \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

#### \*HYMN NO. 700

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" | *I'M GONNA LIVE*

#### \*BLESSING AND CHARGE

May Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine brightly on your path  
as you walk the way of justice and peace.

And the blessing of God -

**the Creator, Healer, and Giver of Life -**

bless you and keep you always.

**Let us go into our work and play this week,  
living in compassion, simplicity, and peace.**

#### CHORAL RESPONSE

"Father, Son, and Holy Spirit" | *A.B. Webb; Chancel Choir*

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, Three in One,  
Praise and glory be to Thee, now and through eternity. Amen.

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### MUSIC IN WORSHIP

Our opening hymn, No. 19, "God of Great and God of Small," reminds us of Jesus' teaching that being childlike is a characteristic of those who wish to live under God's reign. The stanzas, addressed to God and not about God, lists pairs and opposites as part of God's creation and concern. The hymn writer, Natalie Sleeth (1930 – 1992), was an Illinois native. She received a BA degree in music theory from Wellesley College in 1952 and received honorary doctorates from two colleges - West Virginia Wesleyan College in 1959 and Nebraska Wesleyan College in 1990. Sleeth wrote organ works, hymns and anthems. Her most popular hymn is No. 250 "Hymn of Promise."

Today's Offertory, "O for a closer walk with God," was composed by Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852 – 1924). The piece is a setting of the hymn CAITHNESS, which first appeared in the 1635 Scottish Psalter. Written for organ and SATB choir, the sopranos make the opening statement and then are joined by the lower three voices. The mood of the music reflects the tender poem by William Cowper (1731 – 1800). Stanford, along with Elgar and Parry, brought about the so-called "English Musical Renaissance" a rebirth of internationally significant compositions in Great Britain at the beginning of the 20th century. Stanford was an influential teacher (Ralph Vaughan Williams and Herbert Howells were two notable students) and composer of mainly sacred choral and organ works.

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# 700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)  
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so)  
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)  
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -

where, Lord, an - y - time!  
 (an - y - time!)  
 I'm gon-na  
 I'm gon-na  
 I'm gon-na  
 I'm gon-na

live so (live so)  
 work so (work so)  
 pray so (pray so)  
 sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -

where, Lord, an - y - time!  
 (an - y - time!)  
 (my Lord,)  
 (an - y - time!)



# Upcoming Events

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## **Senator Fady Qaddoura | Today | 11:00 am**

Join us following today's worship as we welcome a conversation with State Senator Fady Qaddoura in Calvin Hall. Serving Senate District 30 and sponsoring Senate Bill 202, Senator Qaddoura is an active member of the interfaith community.

## **Bingo and Game Night | Today | 4:00 pm**

Join us this evening from 4:30-6:00 pm for Bingo and Game Night! Come escape the cold weather with some community bingo and then games of your choice to follow. Feel free to donate prizes to the yellow bin in the Gathering Place.

## **Sound & Spirit: Illrd 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 Illrd Tyme Out celebrate 30 years as a bluegrass band. As always, admission is free!



## **Annual Meeting | Feb. 5 | 11:00 am**

Join us in person or online for the annual congregational meeting! Mark your calendars for us to meet and discuss the great works and progress made in 2022 as well as looking ahead to 2023. Please note that voting will NOT be available online.

## **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 | 5:30 pm**

We are in need of candles, empty wine bottles, string lights, and large plants. If you are interested in donating decorations, auction items, or you still need to register, use the QR code to the right or visit our events page to learn more!



## **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!



## **Wednesday Night Adult Study | Wednesdays | 6:00 pm**

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.



## **Marko Petričić CD Release**

Purchase the unique recording of organist Marko Petričić's J.S. Bach organ collection using Northminster's own C.B. Fisk organ! The two-disk collection of Bach's most beautiful pieces was recorded over three days this past summer.



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