



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time | October 15, 2023, 10:00 am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

Brian Shivers

PRELUDE

"Praise Now, My Soul, the Lord" | Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707); *Ted Gibboney, Organ*

*OPENING SENTENCES

Rejoice in the Lord always!

All thanks and praise to God!

Do not worry about anything.

We trust in God who provides for us.

Let the peace of God settle among you.

We will share God's peace with all.

Let us worship the Triune God.

*HYMN NO. 363

"Rejoice, the Lord is King!" | *DARWALL'S 148TH*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Liz Higgins

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.
We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.
We have not loved you with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have not done justice, loved kindness,
or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.
In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.
Do not cast us away from your presence,
or take your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation
and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

*SILENT CONFESSION

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



Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

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Descant

4 Re-joyce in glo-rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

1 Re-joyce, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a-dore!
 2 Our Sav-ior, Je-sus, reigns, the God of truth and love;
 3 His king-dom can-not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
 4 Re-joyce in glo-rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

and gath-er all the saints to their e-ter-nal home.

Re-joyce, give thanks, and sing, and tri-umph ev-er-more.
 when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a-bove.
 the keys of death and hell are to our Je-sus given.
 and gath-er all the saints to their e-ter-nal home.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Re-joyce, a-gain I say, re-joyce!

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Each stanza of this enthronement text prepares for the final line of the refrain, based on Philippians 4:4. "Lord" is here a title of Christ rather than a reference to the undivided Trinity. The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) captures the mood well.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

God shows us a different way -

a way of truth, honor, justice, purity, and excellence.

This path is open to all of us when we reach out
and accept God's forgiveness.

Forgiven and freed, we will live as God's people!

*GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

*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)

CHILDREN'S TIME

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

Children are dismissed to Church School

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



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

"Beyond the Beauty and the Awe" | *ST. FLAVIAN; Chancel Choir*

Beyond the beauty and the awe, beyond the fear and dread,
we long, O God, to hear your word, to taste your transformed bread.

PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.

EPISTLE LESSON

Philippians 4: 1-9 (p. 198-199)

SERMON

"Noticing These Things" | *Brian Shivers*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in God whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives;
whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth;
whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all;
and whose love defeated death.**

**Though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, in God we trust;
and, in the name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves,
in the service of others, to seek justice, and to live in peace;
to live in the freedom of forgiveness, and the power of the Spirit of love;
and in the company of the faithful so to be the Church,
for the glory of God. Amen.**

(from the Iona Community)

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



CALL TO PRAYER

"I Woke Up This Morning" | *African-American spiritual, arr. Jeffrey Radford; Chancel Choir*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Beloved, let us...

Think about these things.

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

"The Lord is my Shepherd" (from *Requiem*) | *John Rutter (b. 1949); Chancel Choir, Leonid Sirotkin, Oboe*

The Lord is my shepherd:
therefore can I lack nothing.
He shall feed me in a green pasture:
and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
He shall convert my soul:
and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness,
for his Name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them
that trouble me:
thou hast anointed my head with oil,
and my cup shall be full.
But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

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



*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" | *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

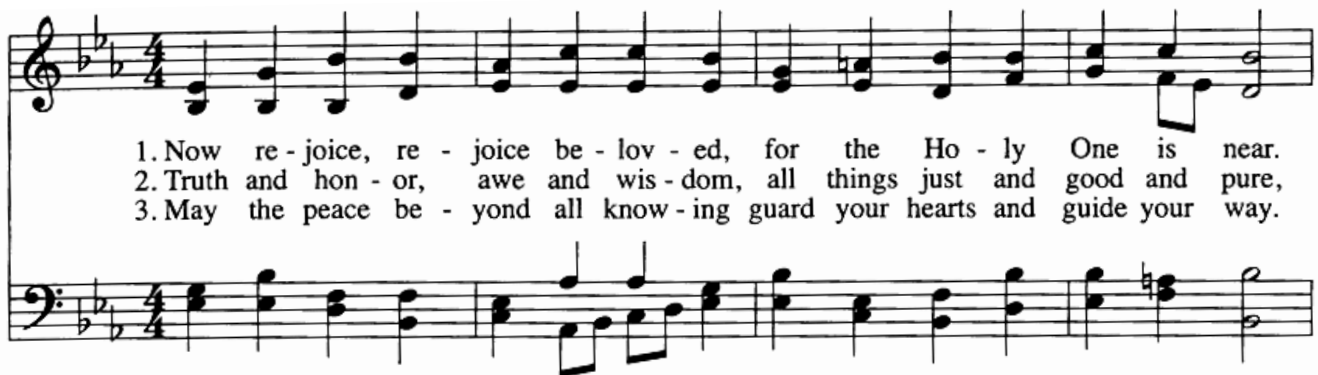
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

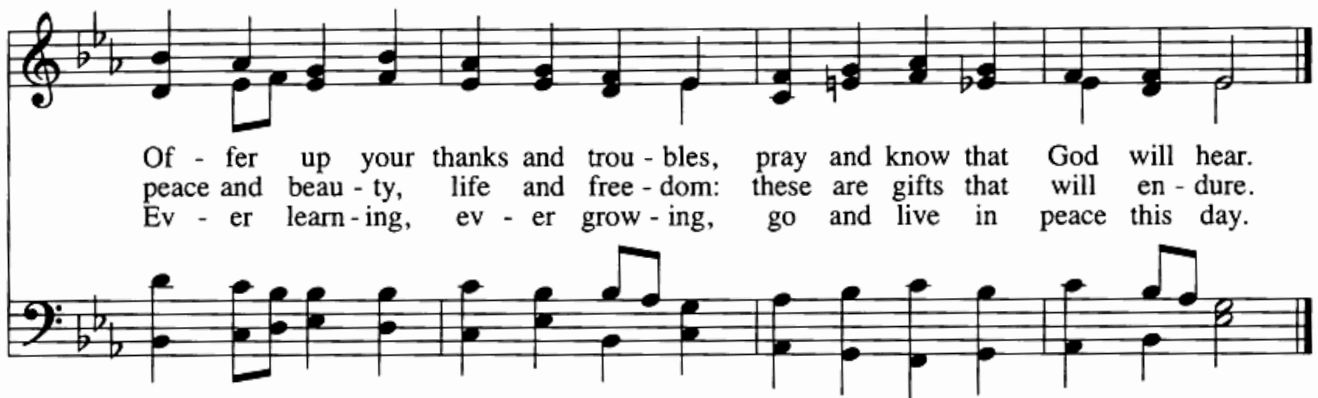
WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN

"Now Rejoice, Rejoice Beloved" | *MERTON*



1. Now re - joice, re - joice be - lov - ed, for the Ho - ly One is near.
2. Truth and hon - or, awe and wis - dom, all things just and good and pure,
3. May the peace be - yond all know - ing guard your hearts and guide your way.



Of - fer up your thanks and trou - bles, pray and know that God will hear.
peace and beau - ty, life and free - dom: these are gifts that will en - dure.
Ev - er learn - ing, ev - er grow - ing, go and live in peace this day.

*For those who are able, please stand.



*BLESSING AND CHARGE

May the power of God, which surpasses all understanding,
guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia!

Beloved, may the Spirit guide us to that which is true,
that we may be set free;

that which is honorable,

that we may rise above ourselves;

that which is just,

that we may stand in the breach for another;

that which is pure,

that we may live with integrity:

that which is pleasing,

that we may look beyond ourselves;

that which is commendable,

that we may seek to do God's will;

that which is excellent and worthy of praise,

that we may praise the name of the Lord forever.

Amen.

*POSTLUDE

"Sonata for Oboe (Movement 4)" | Jean-Baptiste Loeillet (1688-1720)

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MUSIC IN WORSHIP

This morning's offertory is the 6th movement of John Rutter's (born 1949) 7 movement work for chorus and orchestra, *Requiem*. "The Lord is My Shepherd" is a tender and pastoral version of Psalm 23, weaving a plaintive oboe throughout. Rutter originally wrote this piece in 1976 as an anthem and incorporated it into his setting of the Requiem mass in 1985.

Our final hymn, "Now Rejoice, Rejoice Beloved," is a 2015 paraphrase, by David Gambrell, of today's Epistle lesson, Philippians 4: 1 – 9. The hymn (and scripture lesson) is unique in its double invitation to "rejoice." Gambrell chose the hymn tune MERTON, composed by London musician William Monk (1823 – 1899), to accompany the text. A Louisiana native, David Gambrell currently serves as Associate for Worship in the PCUSA Office of Theology of Worship and Co-Editor of the 2018 *Book of Common Worship*.

We welcome oboist Leonid Sirotkin and appreciate his engagement with worship today. He is Principal Oboe in the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra and a member of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic and Des Moines Metro Opera Orchestra. A native of St. Petersburg, Russia, Mr. Sirotkin served for almost a decade as principal English horn with the Kirov Opera and Symphony Orchestra of the Mariinsky Theater. In the United States, he has performed with the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, Iowa Opera, Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, and Colorado Springs Philharmonic. Mr. Sirotkin teaches oboe at DePauw University and Anderson University and is active as a private instructor and chamber music coach. In 2010, he was featured on the American Public Media radio program "Performance Today". He is also a published author, completing *2000 Orchestral Excerpts for Oboe and English Horn from Operas and Ballets* by Tchaikovsky. Leonid Sirotkin has played as a soloist and orchestra member several times at Northminster and we are delighted he is back with us today.

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Events and Announcements

Youth Group Meeting | Tonight | 5:30 - 7:30 pm

We will meet for youth group tonight at Woodland Bowl from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Please bring \$10 for bowling and extra money for food. If you have any questions, please contact Emma Longo or Hannah Plunkett.



Carol McDonald "Carol-Bration" | Oct. 22 | 11:15 am - 1:30 pm

Join us following worship next Sunday, October 22nd as we come together to honor Carol's remarkable contributions and years of service. Please RSVP by tomorrow by using the QR code to the right or on our website. Don't forget to wear a nametag!



Witherspoon Dedication of Imani Campus | Oct. 22 | 2:40 pm

Come celebrate with a service of dedication to the new church home for Witherspoon Presbyterian Church! Featuring guest preacher Dr. Marvin A. McMickle, the day promises to be one filled with joy and praise.

Wednesday Night Dinner & Programming | Oct. 25 | 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Join us for our weekly Wednesday night dinner and the next installment of the "Christianity for Adults" class led by Don Knebel. The next topic in the series is, "What in the Bible is True, Really?" RSVP for dinner using the QR code.



Fall Work Days Sign Up | Oct. 27 & 28

Sign up now for fall work days on October 27th and October 28th! Jobs include painting room 210, replacing ceiling tiles in the library, and moving furniture. A sign-up will be available soon! Contact Debbie Everett if you have questions.

Sound & Spirit: The Jeremiahs | Oct. 27 | 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Sound & Spirit returns with Irish folk band, The Jeremiahs! Join us at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary for what has been described as "One of the most exciting bands to come out of Ireland in many a year..." (*Mike Harding Folk Show*). Admission is free!



Northminster Housing Advocates Meeting | Oct. 29 | 11:15 am - 12:15 pm

Members acting as Court Watchers will meet on the final Sunday of the month after church to discuss their court experiences. Contact Susan Holewinski for more information.

Spirit & Place: Byakula Volunteers Needed | Nov. 5 | 2:00 - 4:00 pm

We are in need of volunteers for the Spirit & Place Festival entitled "Byakula: Nourishing Others from the Congo to Indy" on Sunday, November 5th! Use the QR code to register and be part of this amazing event.



Karen Herbst-Kim Installation Service | Nov. 12 | 4:00 pm

Save the date for Sunday, November 12th at 4:00 pm for the installation of Rev. Karen Herbst-Kim as associate pastor of Northminster Presbyterian Church! More information will be provided soon.



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Stephen Ministry Leader

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.

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