



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time | October 22, 2023, 10:00 am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

Brian Shivers

PRELUDE

"Fanfare" | William Mathias (1934-1992); Marko Petričić, Organ

INTROIT

"Niño Lindo" | Traditional Venezuelan; Celebration Choir

*Beautiful child, I offer myself to you.
Beautiful child, you are my God.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to the Lord and bless God's name.
Tell of God's saving power from day to day.
Worship the Lord in holy splendor.
Praise God, all the earth!

*HYMN NO. 266

"Joy to the World" | RICHMOND

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Karen Herbst-Kim

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and gentle God,
God of peace, Father and Mother of mercy, God of all comfort:
we confess before you the evil of our hearts;
we acknowledge that we are too inclined toward anger, jealousy,
revenge, ambition, and pride,
which often give rise to discord and bitter feelings between us and others.
Too often have we both offended and grieved you.

Forgive us our sins and permit us to partake of the blessing
you have promised the peacemakers,
who shall be called the children of God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*SILENT CONFESSION

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



Joy to the World

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1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and



earth re - ceive her king; let ev - ery heart pre -
 all their songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks,
 thorns in - fest the ground; he comes to make his
 makes the na - tions prove the glo - ries of his



pare him room, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 hills, and plains re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 bless - ings flow far as the curse is found.
 righ - teous - ness and won - ders of his love.

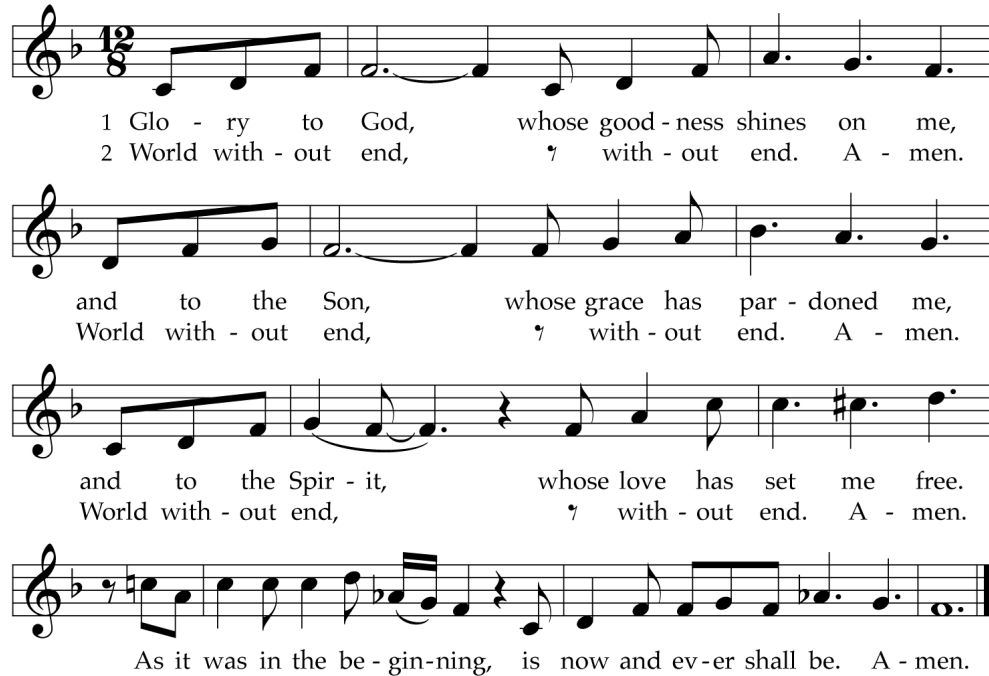
While Isaac Watts did not write this text strictly for Christmas use, he did purposely cast his paraphrase of Psalm 98:4-9 in Christian terms, titling it "The Messiah's coming and kingdom." So "the Lord" here is Jesus Christ, rather than the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Let the heavens be glad,
and let the earth rejoice!
Let the sea roar with laughter,
the fields shout in celebration,
and the forests sing with joy.

Friends, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

*GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME



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

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

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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



FIRST LESSON | PSALM

Psalm 96: 1-9 | *Hal Hopson (b. 1933); Chancel Choir*



O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord, sing all the earth.

SECOND LESSON | EPISTLES

1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10 (p. 203)

HYMN NO. 727 (Stanza 1)

"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" | *THE SERVANT SONG*

(Please sing stanzas 3, 4, and 6 on cue from leader)

SERMON

"Carol-Bration" | *Karen Herbst-Kim, Ruth Moore, Brian Shivers*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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

"Sing Unto the Lord" | *George F. Handel (1685-1759); Morgan Bernat, Soprano*

Sing unto the Lord, all ye nations; sing his praises among all people.
Let all the earth be joyful, and praise his name with singing,
for great is our Lord.
Sing unto him with thanksgiving.
Sing unto God with joy, O sing unto God with joy.
O sing unto the Lord, say unto all the nations that the Lord God is merciful,
and ruleth the world with righteousness.

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



Will You Let Me Be Your Servant 727

The Servant Song



1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to -
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you
 5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall



be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the
 geth - er on the road. We are here to help each
 night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out
 laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and
 find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -



grace to let you be my ser - vant too.
 oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
 to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
 sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.
 (repeat stanza 1)

The opening and closing stanza expresses the essence of this folk-style song about the mutuality of servant ministry: those who serve must also be willing to be served. This is what Christ intended when he commanded the disciples to "wash one another's feet" (John 13:14).

***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. 307**

"God of Grace and God of Glory" | *CWM RHONDA*

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

Grace to you and peace from God the Father,
through the Lord Jesus Christ,
in the Holy Spirit.

Alleluia!

Now go forth to declare God's glory among all the nations.

**Let us declare God's glory so that God's wonderful work
may be known to all.**

Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

"Long Fare You Well" | *African-American spiritual, arr. Undine Smith Moore (1904-1989);
Chancel Choir*

Long fare you well,
God Almighty bless you till we meet again.
We will all kneel together till we meet again.
We will ask God to help us till we meet again.
Long fare you well,
God Almighty bless you till we meet again.
When we meet in heav'n, we will part no more.
Long fare you well,
God Almighty bless you till we meet again.

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



307 God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

MUSIC IN WORSHIP

Today's service ends with the lesser-known African-American spiritual "Long Fare You Well." This arrangement, by Undine Smith Moore, builds on the expressive melody by incorporating fragments of the tune throughout the choral writing and culminates in a glorious final stanza. The piece serves as a benediction and a wish for Godspeed to departing members. A Virginia native, Undine Smith Moore (1904-1989) received degrees from Fisk University and Columbia University. She was the first graduate of Fisk to receive a scholarship to Julliard. She served on the faculty of Virginia State University for 40 years. A composer of over 100 compositions, Moore is best known for her 16-part choral cantata based on the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., which premiered at Carnegie Hall in 1981. She claimed her proudest achievement was serving as co-founder of the Black Music Center, which aimed to educate others about the "contributions of black people to the music of the United States and the world."

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TODAY'S FLOWERS

Flowers today are in celebration of Carol McDonald from the congregation!

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



Events and Announcements

Carol McDonald "Carol-Bration" | Today | 11:15 am - 1:30 pm

Join us following worship as we come together to honor Carol's remarkable contributions and years of service. Refreshments will be served and cards of celebration are welcome. Don't forget to wear your nametag!

Witherspoon Dedication of Imani Campus | Today | 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. This week's topic is, "What in the Bible is True, Really?"



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.



Northminster Presents: Carol McDonald | Nov. 8 | 6:00 - 7:00 pm

As part of Northminster's "Fireside Chat" series with Northminster Presents, we welcome Rev. Carol McDonald to reflect and discuss her ministry with NPC. Facilitated by Jen Dzwonar, it promises to be a beautiful and enlightening evening.

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.

New Member Class | Nov. 21

Northminster Session will host a new member class for those curious about church membership! If you'd like to join us for dinner and a conversation, please let Rev. Brian Shivers, Rev. Karen Herbst-Kim know or contact the office Monday-Thursday.



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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.

Weekly Email Newsletters

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