



# 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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*Baptism of the Lord | January 7, 2024, 10:00 am*

### WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

#### WELCOME

*Brian Shivers*

#### PRELUDE

*"Puer Nobis Nascitur" | Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621)*

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to the Lord a new song;

**Sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

The heavens opened, the Spirit descended,

**and a voice sounded: "This is my Beloved Son."**

**Let us worship the Triune God.**

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




**\*HYMN**


"Famed Though the World's Great Cities Be" | *PUER NOBIS*



1. Famed though the world's great cit - ies be, Yet none can  
2. More daz - zling than the dawn - ing sun, This star that  
3. They who have lis - tened to earth's ways, Who long have  
4. Pros - trate be - fore the throne of grace, They of - fer  
5. Earth's sa - cred gifts speak mys - ter - ies: In - cense God's  
6. The ma - gi, find - ing all they sought, Then trav - eled



Beth - le - hem ex - cel, For now there dawns God's  
blaz - es at Christ's birth Pro - claims to all the  
stud - ied heav - en's stars, Come seek - ing Wis - dom's  
gifts both choice and rare: Gifts God first gave our  
ho - li - ness ex - tolled, God's sov - 'reign realm the  
home a dif - f'rent way; For noth - ing now re -



death - less day On Gen - tiles as on Is - ra - el.  
wait - ing world: Our God en - fleshed up - on this earth.  
ho - ly source—Their route a dif - f'rent one from ours.  
moth - er earth, Her gold, her frank - in - cense and myrrh.  
gold pro - claimed, But myrrh the cross and death fore - told.  
mained the same In light of what they found this day.

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## \*CALL TO CONFESSION

Heather Banks

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all glory,  
you look from heaven and see us as we are -  
not worthy to kneel at your feet,  
not ready to welcome your way.

Forgive us, gracious God.  
In Christ, stoop down to save us;  
loosen the ties that bind us to sin  
and set us free to love and serve you;  
in Jesus' name.

## \*SILENT CONFESSION

## \*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear the good news of the gospel:  
As a voice from heaven said to Jesus,  
as God says to each of us;  
**You are my beloved child, and with you I am well pleased.**  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

## \*RESPONSE

"You Belong to Christ" | *YOU BELONG TO CHRIST*

Two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

You be-long to Christ, in whom you have been bap - tized.  
al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## \*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.)*

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# 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

*"Send Out Your Light" | Traditional Taize; Chancel Choir*

Send out your light, Lord, send your truth to be my guide.  
Then let them lead me to the place where you reside.

## FIRST LESSON | GOSPELS

Matthew 2: 1-12 (p. 2)

## SECOND LESSON | PSALMS

Psalm 29 | *Martin Tel: Jonathan Shinn & John Wright, Cantors*



## THIRD LESSON | GOSPELS

Mark 1: 4-11 (p. 34-35)

## SERMON

*"Look, What Do You See?" | 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.

## 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.

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## OFFERING

*(please sign the pew pad and pass it to your neighbor)*

## OFFERTORY

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

## \*DOXOLOGY

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. 488

"I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry" | WATERLIFE

## \*BLESSING AND CHARGE

Beloved children of God,  
all the blessings of heaven are yours.

**Alleluia!**

Go forth in the light and love of God.

**As we go, we give glory in all that we do.**

**Amen.**

## POSTLUDE

"Christ, our Lord, to Jordan Came", BuxWv 180 | Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

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## MUSIC IN WORSHIP

Today's Psalm, Psalm 29, speaks almost exclusively about the mighty acts of God in nature. It begins with a call to give God glory ("Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name"). After this introduction, we sense God's power in the awesome sights, sounds, and force of a thunderstorm ("The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; bursts forth in lightning flashes; makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare"). Such displays of divine might may cause Baal worshippers to tremble, but true believers praise their God exuberantly, knowing the Lord of the thunderstorm gives strength to his people and blesses them with peace: "O Lord, give strength to your people; give them...the blessings of your peace."

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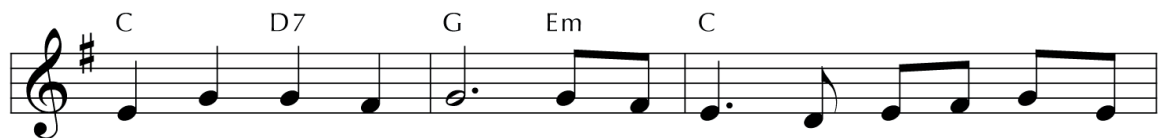
# 488 I Was There to Hear Your Born-ing Cry



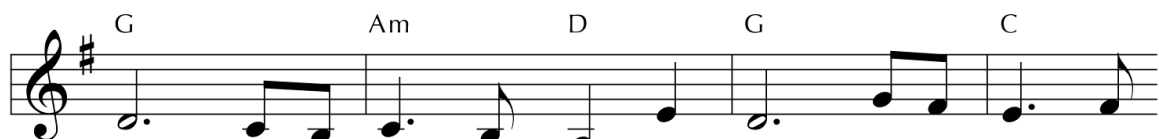
1 "I was there to hear your born - ing cry; I'll be there when  
 2 "When you heard the won - der of the Word, I was there to  
 3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no



you are old. I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to  
 cheer you on. You were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord to  
 lon - ger young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, com -



see your life un - fold. I was there when you were but a  
 whom you now be - long. If you find some - one to share your  
 plete what I've be - gun. When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es



child with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of  
 time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to  
 in and you shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as



light you wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell."  
 make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."  
 I have al - ways been with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry; I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold."

Originally created to accompany a video series on baptism, this hymn speaks in the imagined conversational voice of God, assuring the person being baptized of God's presence throughout the changing stages of life. It offers a reminder that baptism is a once-in-a-lifetime event.



# Events and Announcements

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## **Northminster Community Yoga | Jan. 7 | 5:30 - 6:30 pm**

Join Krista Wright for Yoga in Room 210. \$10 adults, \$5 students. All are welcome, no experience is needed, and prior registration isn't required. For those new to yoga who may not have supplies, mats, and blocks are available to borrow!



## **3B Exercise Class | Mondays | 3:00 pm**

In 3B we work on exercising our minds, spirits, and bodies. All exercises are low impact with both the chair and standing exercises. The goal is to strengthen the body by increasing stamina and balance.

## **"The Sum of Us" Book Study | Jan. 10 | 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Adults and youth are invited to join this 5-week book study, reading either the original edition or the young reader edition. We'll explore two chapters each week and meet in person in the boardroom or online via Zoom.



## **Officer Retreat | Jan. 13 | 9:00 am - 2:00 pm**

Officer Retreat for all current and new elders and deacons on Saturday in Calvin Hall! Join us for a morning and early afternoon of brainstorming, inspiration, communion, and planning. Please RSVP to Cheryl Plunkett at [clerk@northminster-indy.org](mailto:clerk@northminster-indy.org).

## **Northminster Housing Advocates Meeting | Jan. 14 | 11:15 am - 12:15 pm**

Members acting as Court Watchers will meet on January 14th after worship to discuss their court experiences. If you'd like more information or to learn how to get involved, please contact Susan Holewinski!

## **Virtual Women's Retreat | Jan. 20 | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

The Synod of Lincoln Trails invites you to a virtual women's retreat to explore the wisdom we gain from God and one another as we navigate the current season of our lives. Learn more and register by scanning the QR code or visiting our events page!



## **Annual Meeting | Feb. 4 | 11:15 am**

Save the date for the 2024 Annual Meeting on February 4th! We will meet following worship to discuss the annual report and the health of the church. If you have any questions, please contact our office.



## **Sound & Spirit: Rob Dixon Trio | Feb. 18 | 4:00 pm**

Jazz saxophonist and artistic director of the Indy Jazz Fest, Rob Dixon, and his band play their unique brand of arrangements and new compositions. Check out upcoming performances or support Sound & Spirit using the QR code!



## **February Church School Teacher Sign-Up**

Would you like to show your love of God by caring for the youngest members of our Church Family? We are in need of people to help out in our Nursery, Preschool, and Children's Church Classes for February!





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**Rod Mail**  
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.


## Weekly Email Newsletters


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