



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Second Sunday After Epiphany | January 14, 2024, 10:00 am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Sarah Oldham (Piano)

WELCOME

Brian Shivers

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Karen Herbst-Kim

The Lord God calls to us by name.

With Samuel we answer: Here I am.

The Lord calls us to follow.

We rise and go. We lift our voices and sing.

*HYMN NO. 339

"Lift Every Voice and Sing" | *LIFT EVERY VOICE*

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

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

Preschoolers are dismissed to Church School

SCRIPTURE LESSON | PROPHETS

1 Samuel 3: 1-10 (p. 247) (Spark Bible p. 122)

HYMN NO. 69

"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" | *HERE I AM*

(Stanza 1 and refrain only)

SERMON

"Get Up!" | *Brian Shivers*

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



339 Lift Every Voice and Sing



1 Lift ev - ery voice and sing till earth and heav - en
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent



ring, ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
 rod, felt in the days when hope un - born had
 tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the



ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening
 died. Yet, with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry
 way; thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the



skies; let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 feet come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
 light, keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

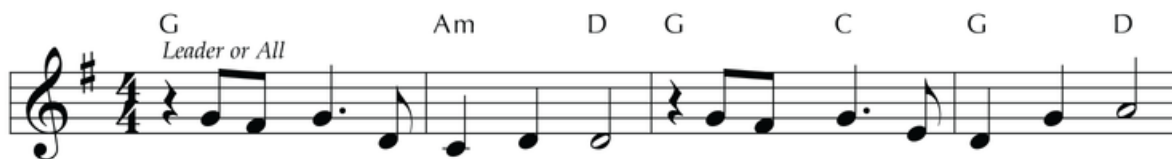
sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought
we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh -
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get

us. Fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -
tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at
thee; shad - owed be - neath thy hand may we for - ev - er

gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.
last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord



1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est



made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Cheryl Plunkett

Sentences of Scripture

Statement of Ordination

Constitutional Questions

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

Welcome and Charge

***HYMN NO. 700**

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

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

"Awaiting You" | *Adam Guettel (b. 1964); John Wesley Wright (Tenor), Krista Wright (Piano)*

Shining in the eyes of every child
And in the flame of dawn reflecting on the open sea
In every fury and every love
You are awaiting me

But what about the child who cannot breathe
Or the gentle sage who won't see the age of thirty-two?
I am awaiting
I am awaiting you

Light it all and burn it to the ground!
Go ahead and let your thunder sound!
Let me watch my loves and my teachers slowly fade away
I'll just have to wait another day

Maybe in God we trust just a lucky charm
Maybe faith is only hoping that we can rise anew
And so I rise and so I stand
I am awaiting you, oh
I will still be standing here awaiting you

Light it all and burn it to the ground!
Go ahead and let your thunder sound!
Let me watch my loves and my teachers slowly fade away
I'll just have to wait another day

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



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,)

***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!**

INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...and together forever we say:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

...and together forever we say:

**Dying, you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

...we pray as Jesus taught us, saying:

**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.**

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



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

At the direction of the hosts, you are invited to come forward by the center aisle. Take a piece of bread, dip it into the chalice, and receive communion by the ancient method of intinction. All bread is gluten-free.

Please return to your seats using the side aisles.

If you are unable to come forward, you will be offered communion in your pew.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

"In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful" | Traditional Taize

(Please sing repeatedly on cue from leader)

In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful; in the Lord I will re -

joice! Look to God; do not be a - fraid. Lift up your

voic - es; the Lord is near. Lift up your voic - es; the Lord is near.

*"Wade in the Water" | African-American spiritual, arr. Harry Burleigh (1866-1949);
John Wesley Wright (Tenor)*

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



PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

Gracious God,
you have gathered us at this table
with all the company of your people
in heaven and on earth.

In your mercy, we have been nourished
by the living bread, Jesus Christ,
and we have been refreshed
by the power of your Holy Spirit.
May we, who have shared this holy meal,
get up as glad disciples of Jesus,
following in his way,
proclaiming his truth,
and living his love for the world. Amen.

*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 ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN NO. 740

"Lead Me, Guide Me" | *LEAD ME, GUIDE ME*

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

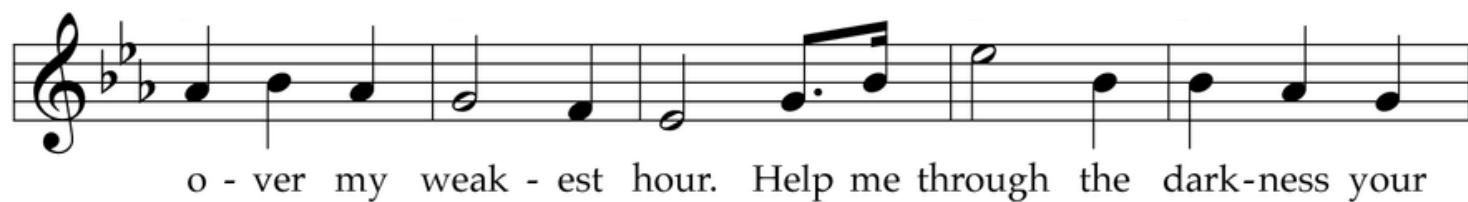
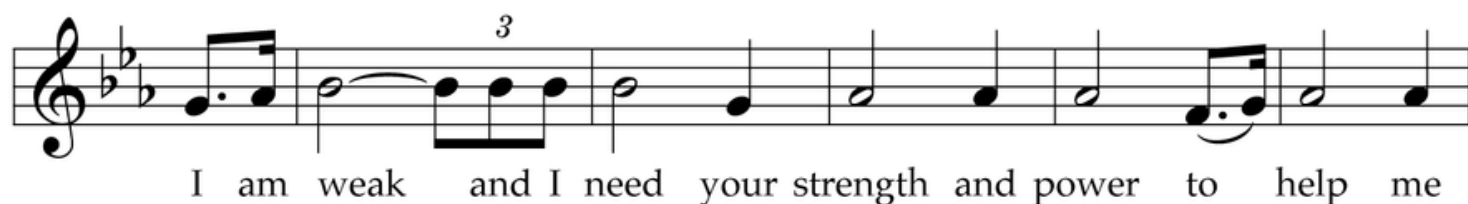
Friends, get up and go out into the world in peace.
May you have courage;
hold on to what is good;
return no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted;
support the weak;
help the suffering;
honor all people;
love and serve the Lord;
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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



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Lead Me, Guide Me



CHORAL RESPONSE

“We Shall Overcome” | *arr. Robert Gibson (b. 1989); John Wesley Wright (Tenor), Chancel Choir*

We shall overcome, we shall overcome,
We shall overcome someday.
Deep in my heart, I do believe,
We shall overcome someday.

We’ll walk hand in hand, we’ll walk hand in hand,
We’ll walk hand in hand someday.
Deep in my heart, I do believe,
We shall overcome someday.

We shall live in peace, we shall live in peace,
We shall live in peace someday.
Deep in my heart, I do believe,
We shall overcome someday.

We are not afraid, we are not afraid,
We are not afraid today.
Deep in my heart, I do believe,
We shall overcome someday.

2026 CLASS OF OFFICERS

Ordained Elders

Blaine Dinwiddie
Liz Higgins
Matt Kroeger
Kate Ronco

Ordained Deacons

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Becky Erdel
Michael Keppler
Emily Lapworth
Jeffrey Lewis

Installed Elders

Emily Plunkett
Donna Schmahl

Installed Deacons

Debbie Bulloff
Scott Cavins
Cy Donnelly
Bill Erdel
Kathryn Goncalves



MUSIC IN WORSHIP

It is an honor to have member Sarah Oldham, Roz Lancaster's mother, play pre-service music this morning. She and her husband, Algie, were active in the Civil Rights struggle during the 1960s and were close friends with Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s assistant. Mrs. Abernathy and Sarah were close friends in college. While traveling to Atlanta when Roz was a child, the Oldham family stopped and had dinner with the Abernathy family. When the civil rights team traveled North, they would take refuge in South Bend and stay with Sarah's friends. While there, Rev. Abernathy would always ask "Sister Sarah" to play the hymns of the church. Sarah Oldham was the minister of music in her church in South Bend and now at the young age of 94, continues to play the piano at Independence Village, Zionsville.

Today's service begins and ends musically with songs associated with the Civil Rights Movement. The opening hymn, "Lift Every Voice and Sing," was written by brothers James Weldon and J. Rosamond Johnson in 1900. It began as a poem James wrote in honor of Booker T. Washington. At the turn of the 20th century, the song eloquently captured the solemn yet hopeful appeal for the liberty of black Americans. Set against the religious invocation of God and the promise of freedom, it was later adopted by the NAACP (*National Association for the Advancement of Colored People*) and prominently used as a rallying cry during the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s. Through the years, this hymn has become an anthem of justice and has strengthened communities in prayer and protest, pain and uplift. We offer the hymn to God and sing it to express our desire for sharing the bread and cup and in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr., whose birthday is tomorrow, January 15th.

At the end of the service, soloist and choir sings Robert Gibson's (born 1989) arrangement of the Civil Rights song "We Shall Overcome." The song probably originated in a different form as something the enslaved would sing while working in the fields. Methodist minister Charles Tinley published a version in 1901, "I'll Overcome Someday." In 1947, Pete Seeger (1919-2014) heard the song from activist and folk singer Zilphia Horton, who was associated with the Highlander Folk Center in Monteagle, Tennessee. Seeger arranged it with his own touches and the song spread rapidly as the Civil Rights Movement gained momentum. Protesters sang it as they marched for voting rights, as they were beat up, attacked by police dogs, and hauled off to jail for breaking laws enforcing segregation. News and pictures of brutality shocked people across the U.S. and around the world. Ultimately, "We Shall Overcome" is a song of hope, and called by the Library of Congress, the "most powerful song of the twentieth century."

We welcome Tenor John Wesley Wright to our service this morning. A native of Rome, George, he works as Professor of Music at Salisbury University (Salisbury, Maryland), coordinating the voice and opera workshop programs. An active clinician and leader of workshops on voice production, interpretation, and African American song traditions, he also co-directed the musical theater program at the Maryland Summer Center of the Arts (2007-2014) and the 2022 Musical Theater and Voice Summer Enrichment Academy at Salisbury University. Making his Lincoln Center debut in Handel's Messiah (2017), he has performed solo repertoire ranging from Bach to Broadway throughout the world. Recently, he received a citation from the State Senate of Maryland lauding his work with the American Spiritual Ensemble, educating of students, and the scholarship and performance of African American spirituals. Following today's service, he will graciously lead the Chancel Choir Tenors and Basses in a vocal workshop.



Events and Announcements

Northminster Housing Advocates Meeting | Today | 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!

Northminster Community Yoga | Today | 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!



Northminster Youth Group | Today | 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Youth Group is this evening at the church! We'll have pizza, discussion, activities, and games! 6-12th graders are welcome to build new friendships and community. Join our NPC Youth Group BAND for updates, and contact Emma Longo with any questions!



"The Sum of Us" Book Study | Jan. 17 | 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.



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.

Westminster Dish Soap Collection | Feb. 4

The Mission Team is collecting dish soap for the Westminster Neighborhood Services food pantry on February 4th! Bring bottles of any-sized dish soap to the yellow donation bin in the Gathering Place.

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!



Additional events and information can be found on our website at northminster.church/events



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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.


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