



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost | October 20, 2024, 10:00 am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Prelude in E Minor," BWV 533 | *J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Servants of God, lift up your heads -

that the Lord of life may behold our eyes!

Servants of God, lift up your hands -

that the Lord of life may bless our works!

Servants of God, lift up your hearts -

that the Lord of life may abide within!

**Let us worship the One who is both Lamb and Shepherd,
prince and slave, peacemaker and swordbringer.**

*HYMN NO. 726

"Will You Come and Follow Me" | *KELVINGROVE*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,
you have taught us that whoever wishes to become great
must be a servant,
and whoever seeks to be first
must be last.

Still, O Lord, we are like James and John,
seeking seats of glory.

We organize our lives around ladders to climb,
not realizing that we are stepping
on people whom you love.

Forgive us, O Christ, and teach us to follow in your way,
for the Son of Man came not to be served
but to serve.

*SILENT CONFESSION

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



726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons



- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
- 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
- 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at-tract or scare?
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

People of God, let us remember the promises of the Lord:

**The One who promises deliverance;
The One who answers when we call;
The One who rescues us from danger
and shows us the way of salvation.**

Believe this good news:
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven,
and freed to try again.

*RESPONSE

"Goodness Is Stronger than Evil" | *GOODNESS IS STRONGER*



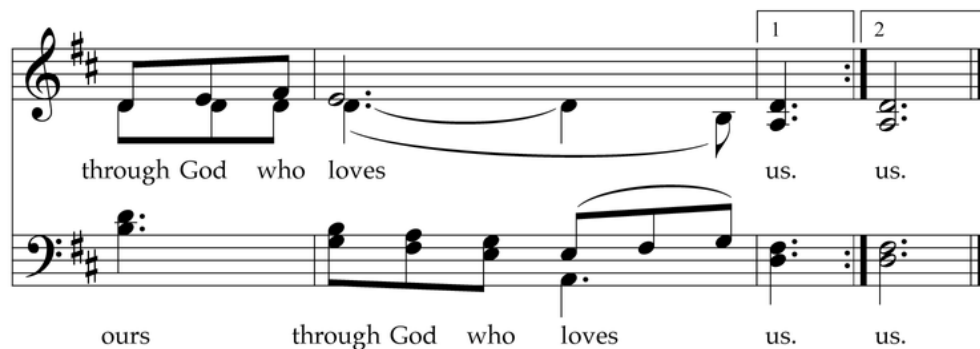
Good-ness is stron-ger than e - vil; love is stron-ger than hate;



light is stron-ger than dark - ness; life is stron-ger than death.



Vic - tory is ours; vic - tory is ours
Oh, vic - tory is ours; vic - tory is



through God who loves us. us.
ours through God who loves us. us.

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



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

"Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken" | *LISTEN*

(Soloist sings first time, All sing second time)



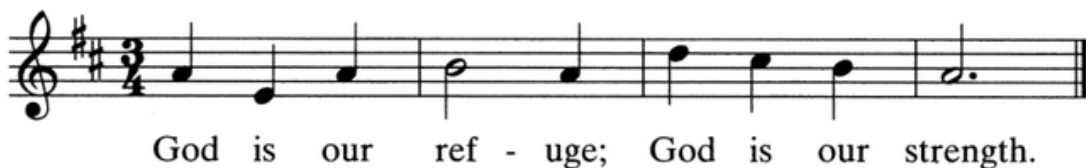
Lis - ten to the word that God has spo - ken; lis - ten to the
One who is close at hand; lis - ten to the voice that be -
gan cre - a - tion; lis - ten e - ven if you don't un - der - stand.

FIRST LESSON | GOSPEL

Mark 10: 32-34 (p. 46)

SECOND LESSON | PSALMS

Psalms 91: 9-16



God is our ref - uge; God is our strength.

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



THIRD LESSON | GOSPEL

Mark 10: 35-45 (p. 47)

SERMON

"It's Not What You Think It Is" | *Brian Shivers*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | Phillipians 2: 5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name
that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Emily Lapworth and Albert Ma | Baptisms

Presentation

Statement of Purpose

Questions

Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ and representatives of Northminster Presbyterian Church, promise to live in loving Christian community and walk the journey of faith together?

We do.

Prayer Over the Water

Baptism & Blessing

Prayer

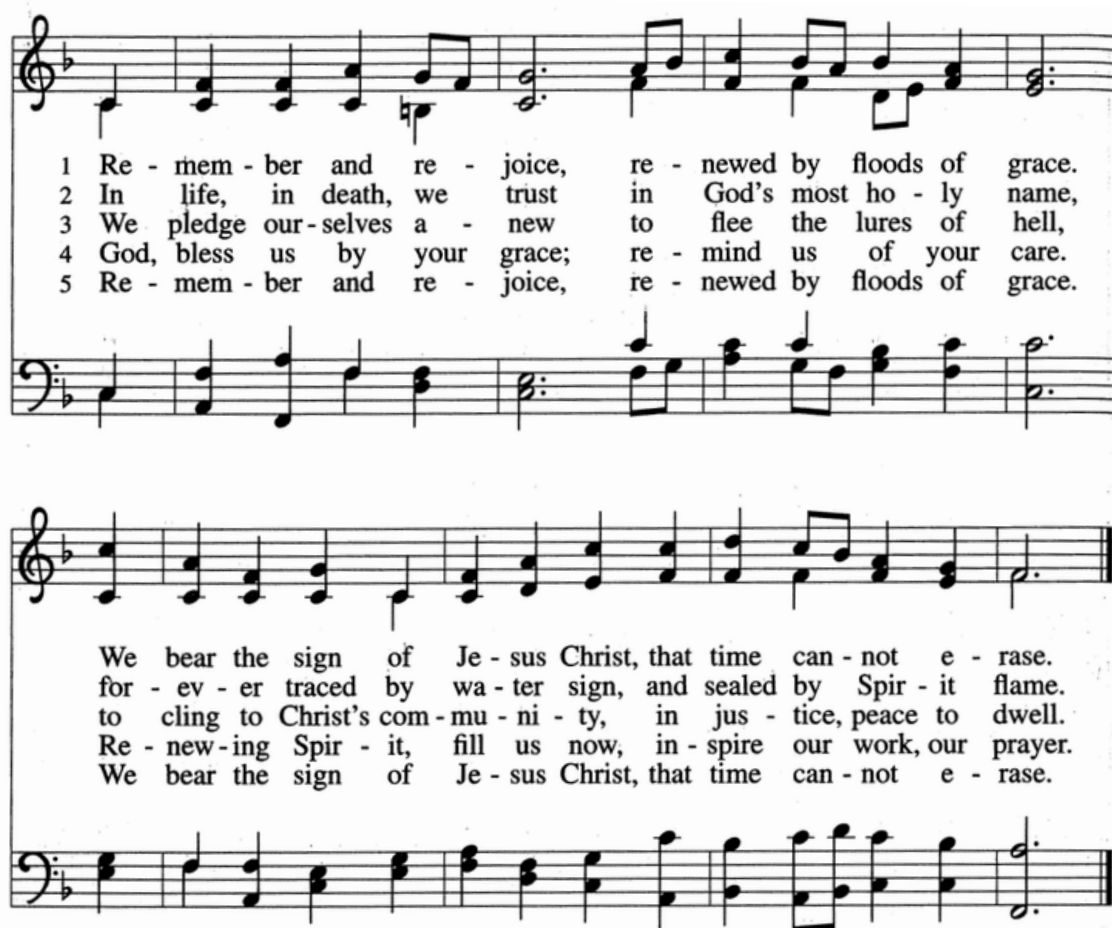
Welcome

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



HYMN

"Remember and Rejoice" | ST. THOMAS



1 Re - mem - ber and re - joice, re - newed by floods of grace.
2 In life, in death, we trust in God's most ho - ly name,
3 We pledge our - selves a - new to flee the lures of hell,
4 God, bless us by your grace; re - mind us of your care.
5 Re - mem - ber and re - joice, re - newed by floods of grace.

We bear the sign of Je - sus Christ, that time can - not e - raise.
for - ev - er traced by wa - ter sign, and sealed by Spir - it flame.
to cling to Christ's com - mu - ni - ty, in jus - tice, peace to dwell.
Re - new - ing Spir - it, fill us now, in - spire our work, our prayer.
We bear the sign of Je - sus Christ, that time can - not e - raise.

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)

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



OFFERTORY

"Christus Paradox" | *Alfred Fedak (b. 1954)*

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd. You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
You, peace-maker and sword-bringer of the way you took and gave.
You, the everlasting instant; you, whom we both scorn and crave.

Clothed in light upon the mountain, stripped of might upon the cross,
Shining in eternal glory, beggared by a soldier's toss,
You, the everlasting instant; you, who are both gift and cost.

You, who walk each day beside us, sit in power at God's side.
You, who preach a way that's narrow, have a love that reaches wide.
You, the everlasting instant; you, who are our pilgrim guide.

Worthy is our earthly Jesus! Worthy is our cosmic Christ!
Worthy your defeat and victory; worthy still your peace and strife.
You, the everlasting instant; you, who are our death and life.

*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

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



WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN

"Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way" | *ST. PETER*



1. Lord, help us walk your ser - vant way Wher -
2. You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, But
3. No gold - en scep - ter but a towel You
4. You bid us bend our hu - man pride Nor
5. Lord, help us walk your ser - vant way Wher -



ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -
pow'r you laid a - side. You lived your years in
place with - in the hands Of those who seek to
count our - selves a - bove The low - est place, the
ev - er love may lead And bend - ing low, for -



get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.
ser - vant - hood, In low - li - ness you died.
fol - low you And live by your com - mands.
mean - est task That waits the gift of love.
get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.

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*BLESSING AND CHARGE

Beloved, go into the world in confidence.

Bless you as you lift up your heads

that the Lord of life may behold our eyes!

Bless you as you lift up your hands -

that the Lord of life may bless our works!

Bless you as you lift up your hearts -

that the Lord of life may abide within!

The Son of Man came to serve, not to be served.

**Let us follow Christ's example,
and give our all to God and one another.**

POSTLUDE

"Fugue in E Minor" | *J.S. Bach*

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IN WORSHIP

Today's opening hymn, No. 726 "Will You Come and Follow Me," also known as "The Summons," is based on Mark's gospel, and contains thirteen questions asked by Jesus in the first person (stanzas 1 – 4) with the singer responding in stanza 5. "The Summons" of Christ is to a radical Christianity. We are challenged to "leave yourself behind" and to "risk the hostile stare" (stanza two), to "set the prisoner free" and "kiss the leper clean" (stanza three), and to "use the faith you've found to reshape the world around" (stanza four). Set to the Scottish ballad KELVINGROVE, the hymn's arranger and author is John Bell (born 1949). Bell is a Scottish preacher, musician, and leader of the Iona Community in Iona Scotland.

Today's Offertory, "Christus Paradox," was written by Sylvia Dunstan (1955 – 1993), a hymn writer and pastor of the United Church of Canada. In this piece, she powerfully portrays the paradox of Christ being both human and divine. Dunstan piles on the comparisons presenting Christ as both Lamb and Shepherd, prince and slave, gift and cost, someone "we both scorn and crave." The paradox, "You the everlasting instant" is sung five times. American composer, organist and conductor Alfred Fedak uses the hymn tune PICARDY to set Dunstan's text. A hymn version of this anthem may be found in *Glory to God*, page 274, "You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd."

WORSHIP SERVICE FLOWERS

Flowers are in honor of Dorothy Moos on her 90th birthday, from the many friends at Northminster who love her.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*
Marko Petričić, Clarice Stegall | *Organ*
Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*
Chancel Choir
Lisa Longo & Maureen Purcell | *Elders*

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Events and Announcements

Northminster Community Yoga Weekly Classes

Did you know Northminster hosts six yoga classes a week in our beautiful wellness space, room 210? Classes are available for all skill levels. Scan the QR on the right for more information and see Krista Wright for a free class card!



Trunk or Treat Candy Donations

Help us make this year's Trunk or Treat awesome and consider donating individually wrapped candy to the yellow bin in The Gathering Place. You can donate anytime between now and October 27th!

Earlham Choir Presents: "Belonging" | Oct. 26th | 1:30 - 2:30 pm

The Earlham College Concert Choir and Chamber Singers, directed by Doug Shafer-Johnson, will present their Fall 2024 program, "Belonging," in Northminster's sanctuary. This one-hour program is free to attend!



Commitment Sunday | Oct. 27th | 10:00 am

Why did the generous person bring a ladder to church? Because they wanted to help everyone reach new heights! Bring your silly jokes, your joyous self, and your pledge card on October 27th, Commitment Sunday. Scan the QR code to pledge online!



Northminster Trunk or Treat | Oct. 27th | 4:30 - 5:30 pm

Car set-up will begin in the south parking lot at 4:00 for folks who register using the QR code. General parking will be in the north lot and we'll meet inside if there's rain. This event is free to all!



Northminster Presents: Andrew Whitehead | Oct. 30th | 6:00 pm

Associate Professor of Sociology at IU-Indy and author of "American Idolatry", Andrew Whitehead's research on Christian Nationalism has been featured in the NY Times, NPR, and the Washington Post. Learn more by scanning the QR code!



October Mission Collection | Throughout October

The Little Timmy Project and the Raphael Health Center, have a need for diapers of all sizes. You can donate new packs of diapers in various sizes to the yellow bin in The Gathering Place throughout October!



"Bless This Mess" Swap Meet | Nov. 2nd | 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Bring gently used items to trade, mingle, and enjoy fall treats with our church and neighbors. Register by October 27th to reserve space, and please check the list of allowed items. Unclaimed goods will be donated to local shelters. Everyone is welcome!



Sound & Spirit: John Doyle & Mick McAuley | Nov. 15th | 7:00 pm

Guitarist and singer-songwriter John Doyle is joined by Mick McAuley as they perform traditional Irish reels, jigs, and ballads. Former and current members of the super group Solas, they have collaborated with Liz Carroll, Tim O'Brien, Joan Baez, and others.



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

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Teri Thomas
Pastor Emerita

Tony Dzwonar
Stephen Ministry Leader

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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