



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-Sixth Sunday After Pentecost | November 17, 2024, 10:00 am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

PSALM

"Psalm 150" | *Charles V. Stanford (1852-1924)*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Whether we are sure of God's work in the world
or still waiting for a sign,

**let us worship the Lord,
encouraging one another in hope.**

Whether we are confident
in what the future will bring
or carry more questions than answers,

**let us worship the Lord,
strengthening one another in faith.**

*HYMN NO. 475

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" | *NETTLETON*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace,
all around us are wars and rumors of wars,
and we are afraid for ourselves and our world.
We follow after false leaders
and grasp for whatever security we can find.

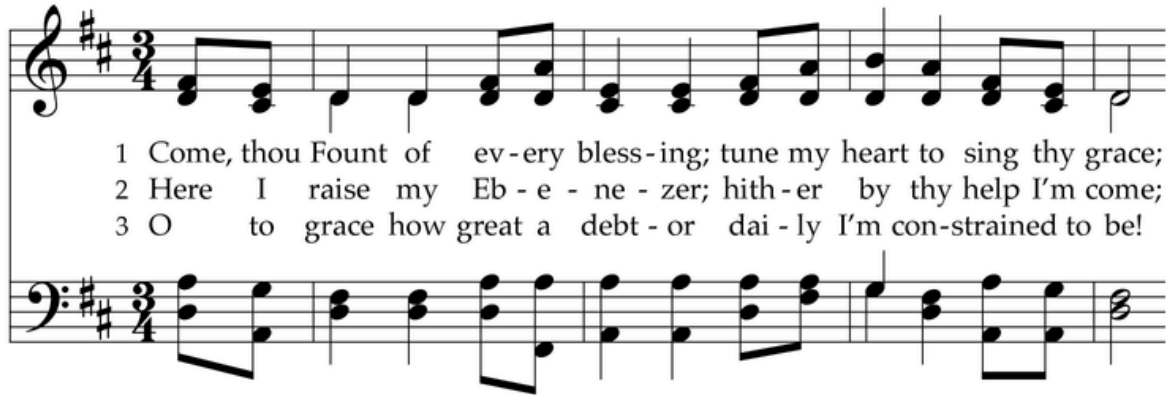
Forgive us, Lord, for we are quick to forget
that all of life is in your hands.
Renew our hope, increase our courage,
and keep us watchful for the signs
of your just and peaceful reign that is to come;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*SILENT CONFESSION

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



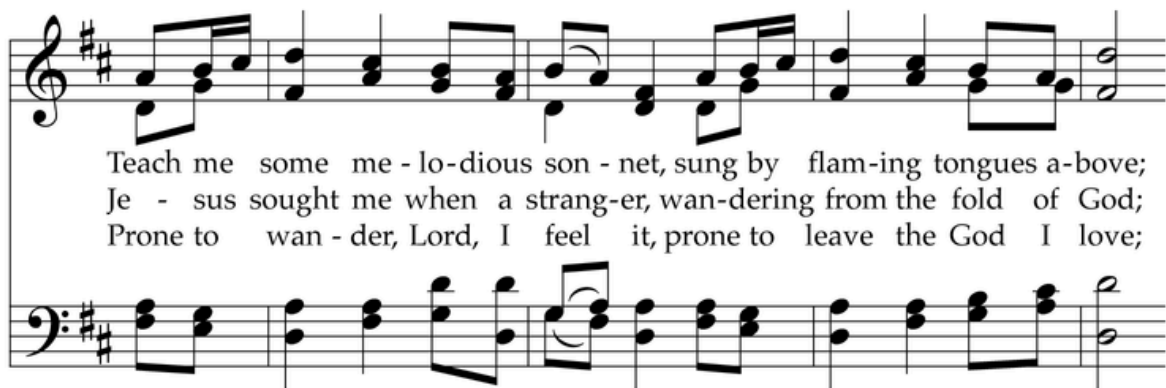
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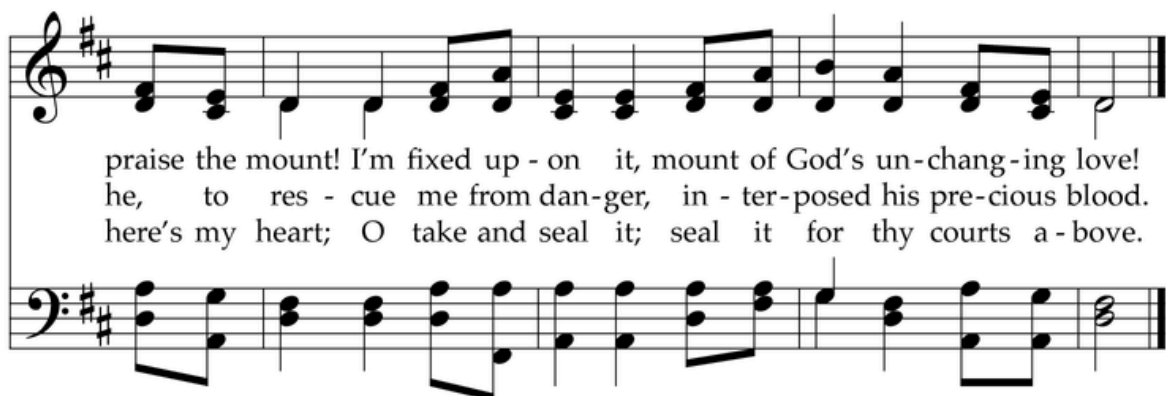
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news!

Our guilty hearts have been sprinkled clean,

our bodies washed with pure water.

The bonds of sin have been released.

Forgiven and freed, we may live in peace.

*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.

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*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

FIRST LESSON | PROPHETS

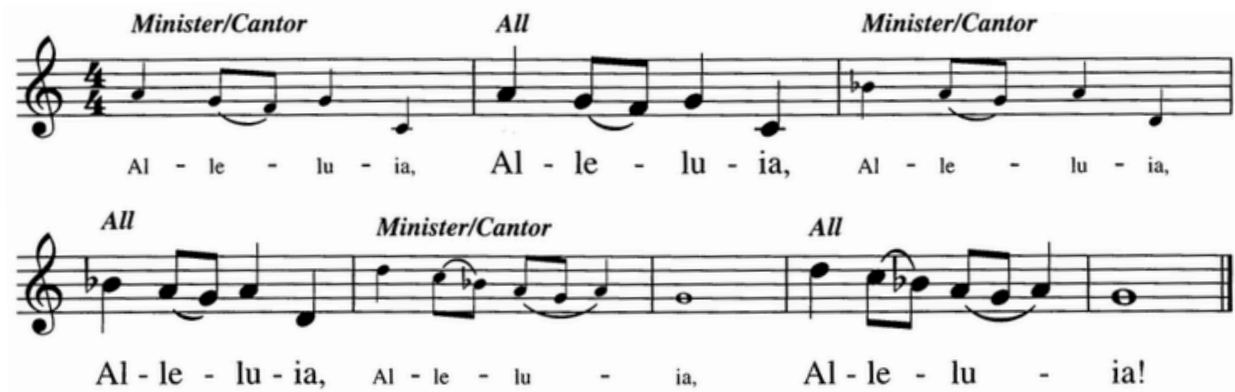
1 Samuel 2: 1-10 | OT p. 245-246

SECOND LESSON | EPISTLE

Hebrews 10: 23-25 | NT p. 224

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Alleluia" | Sally Ann Morris (b. 1953)



THIRD LESSON | GOSPEL

Mark 13: 1-8 | NT p. 50

SERMON

"The Beginning" | Brian Shivers

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN NO. 840

"When Peace Like a River" | VILLE DU HAVRE

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



When Peace like a River

It Is Well with My Soul

1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
 3 He lives: O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought. My
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well with my soul; with my soul;

it is well; it is well with my soul.

This text is a remarkable expression of faith born of grief. The author, an active Presbyterian layman who had just lost four daughters in a tragic shipwreck, wrote it while sailing to Paris to meet his wife, who had survived. The tune was named for the ship that sank.

CALL TO PRAYER

"I Shall See" | Michael John Trotta (b. 1978)

Teach me your way; lead me in a straight path.
One thing I seek, I seek to dwell in your house.
Your face I seek, hide not from me.
You are my light, whom should I fear?

In times of trouble he shall hide me.
I will not fear. He is my strength.
I believe I shall see all of your good in the land of the living.

Wait upon him, and he will strengthen you.
Wait for him, he is your strength.
I will not fear. He is my strength.

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.

OFFERING

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

*OFFERTORY

"Sicut Cervus" | Giovanna de la Pierliugi Palestrina (c. 1525-1594)

Sicut cervus desiderat fontes aquarum,
ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.

*As the deer longs for the flowing streams,
so longs my soul for thee, O God.*

*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!

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



***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***HYMN NO. 346**

"For the Healing of the Nations" | *ST. THOMAS*

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

May the blessing of God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
one God, Mother of us all,
be with you this day and forevermore.

Alleluia!

Friends, hold fast to hope, for God is faithful.

**Let us provoke one another to love and do good deeds
while we wait and watch for the coming of Christ's reign.
Amen.**

POSTLUDE

"Toccata in F Major" | *Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)*

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



346 For the Healing of the Nations

1 For the heal - ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with
 2 Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair your
 3 All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the
 4 You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on

one ac - cord; for a just and e - qual shar - ing
 world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred,
 earth be banned: pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing,
 hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing in your like - ness,

of the things that earth af - fords; to a life of
 all may come and go in peace. Show us how through
 dog - mas that ob - scure your plan. In our com - mon
 bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our re -

love in ac - tion help us rise and pledge our word.
 care and good - ness fear will die and hope in - crease.
 quest for jus - tice may we hal - low life's brief span.
 sponse and ser - vice earth its des - ti - ny may find.

The first line of this text quotes the declared purpose of the leaves of the tree of life growing beside the river of life in the heavenly Jerusalem (Revelation 22:2). The hymn continues by identifying some of the many ways we are called to share with God in this healing work.

IN WORSHIP

For the past few weeks, we have been singing “Goodness is Stronger than Evil” as a response to the assurance of forgiveness. This eloquent brief declaration, written by Desmond Tutu (1931 - 2021), voices the resurrection hope that sustains all who seek and work for the fulfillment of God’s purposes. Desmond Tutu was one of South Africa’s most well-known human rights activists, winning the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts in resolving and ending apartheid. When Nelson Mandela was elected as the nation’s first Black president, he appointed Tutu chairperson of the Truth & Reconciliation Commission. During his lifetime, Desmond Tutu championed human rights and the equality of all people, both within South Africa and internationally.

For this morning’s Offertory, the Northminster Chamber Ensemble sings Palestrina’s “Sicut Cervus.” This four-voice motet is held as the model of the Renaissance style of composition known as imitative polyphony – a style in which each voice imitates the music of the previous voice, creating a sonic weave. One of the greatest masters of the late Renaissance, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525-1594) spent most of his career in Rome, serving as maestro di cappella at St. Peter’s. A composer of hundreds of sacred motets, masses, and madrigals, his polyphonic compositional style influenced composers throughout the ages. ‘Sicut Cervus’ is flawless in its construction, employing sublime counterpoint. Each musical phrase of text is of extraordinary beauty, harmonizing and balancing together with perfection.

TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*
Marko Petričić | *Organ*
Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*
Chamber Ensemble
Doug Johnson | *Cantor*

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Events and Announcements

Umoja Partner Stories | Today | 11:15 am

Join us in the Board Room following worship as we welcome Linda Olaysa, one of our Umoja partners, who will be here at NPC to share stories from Kenya. All are welcome, and if you have any questions, please contact Karen Herbst-Kim.

Umoja Interfaith Thanksgiving Dinner | Today | 5:00 - 8:00 pm

Join the Umoja Partnership for the Interfaith Thanksgiving Dinner at the Northside Events & Social Club! Enjoy a memorable evening with food, friends, and an online auction. Tickets are \$50 and are available through the QR code or our website.



Pokagon 2025 | Jan. 24th - 26th | Register by Nov. 20th

Registration is open for our annual Pokagon retreat! Reserve your room for a relaxing weekend of fun and fellowship. Various rooms and bed sizes are available so be sure to reserve yours today. Learn more by scanning the QR code or visiting our website.



Congregational Meeting | Nov. 24th | 11:00 am

Save the date for a Congregational Meeting to elect our slate of officers for 2025. Members will meet in the sanctuary following worship for a brief introduction of candidates and a vote.

Drumstick Dash Volunteers Needed | Nov. 28

Every year, Northminster is a warming station and rest stop for the Drumstick Dash on Thanksgiving morning. We need a host of volunteers to greet people, direct them to the bathrooms, and offer hot chocolate. Call the church office to volunteer!

Donate to Clothe-A-Child | Now Through Dec. 1st

The Deacons are raising funds for Clothe-a-Child! All funds raised enable us to purchase clothing items for students from School 55. If you would like to be a shopper, a signup sheet will be available in The Gathering Place.



Intergenerational Advent Event | Dec. 1st | 11:15 am - 1:30 pm

Celebrate the beginning of Advent! Join us in the Gathering Place to decorate donuts, create Star-themed crafts, or just enjoy cider, hot chocolate, and fellowship. For more information, or if you have any questions, please contact Melissa Hopkins.

All-Church Bake Sale | Dec. 8th | 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Bring holiday treats in grab-and-go packaging to the Gathering Place before worship. After worship, take home your favorites with a donation of your choice. All proceeds support our Congolese refugee family!

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 skills levels. Scan the QR on the right for more information and see Krista Wright for a free class card!



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

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Pastor Emerita

Tony Dzwonar
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Rod Mail
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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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