



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Second Sunday of Christmas | January 5, 2025, 10:00 am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"How Brightly Shines the Morning Star" | *Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Arise, shine; for your light has come.

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Come, worship the Lord of glory.

Proclaim God's praise among the nations.

*HYMN NO. 152

"What Star is This, with Beams So Bright" | *PUER NOBIS NASCITUR*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful and gracious God,
we confess that we are not people of peace.
You shine upon us with your glory,
yet we hide our faces from the light.
You speak to us a holy mystery,
yet we do not listen to your word.

Forgive us, God of grace.
Give us the wisdom to know and proclaim
the gospel of your saving love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*SILENT CONFESSION

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, this is the good news:
Christ is the light of the world,
who grants forgiveness and healing of our sins.

Praise God for new beginnings!

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



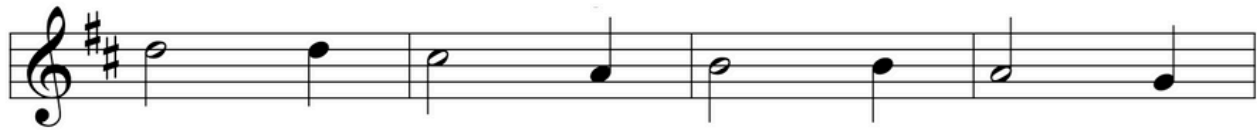
What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright 152



1 What star is this, with beams so bright, more
 2 'Tis now full - filled what God de - creed, "From
 3 While out - ward signs the star dis - plays, an
 4 O Je - sus, while the star of grace im -



love - ly than the noon - day light? 'Tis
 Ja - cob shall a star pro - ceed;" and
 in - ward light the Lord con - veys and
 pels us on to seek your face, let



sent to an - nounce a new - born king, glad
 lo! the east - ern sa - ges stand to
 urg - es them, with ten - der might, to
 not our sloth - ful hearts re - fuse the

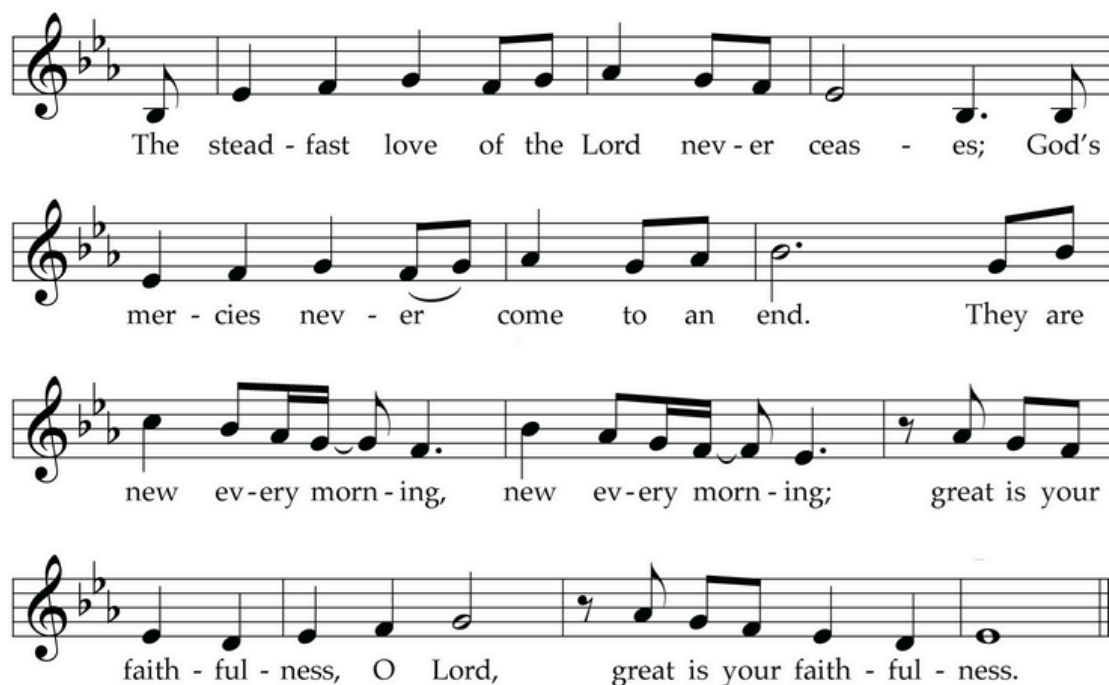


ti - dings of our God to bring.
 read in heaven the Lord's com - mand.
 seek the giv - er of the light.
 guid - ance of your light to use.

This 18th-century Latin text calls attention to three kinds of light: the light of the star leading the Magi to the Christ-child, the inward light inspiring their journey, and Christ who is the Light of the world. The simple unison melody unites everything in a gentle arc.

*RESPONSE

"The Steadfast Love of the Lord" | *THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD*



*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 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

FIRST LESSON | GOSPEL

Matthew 2: 1-12 | NT p. 2

SECOND LESSON | PROPHETS

Isaiah 60: 1-6 | OT p. 690

SERMON

"Time to Shine" | *Brian Shivers*

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"Nicene Creed"

Let us confess the faith of the universal church.

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him, all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.
For our sake, he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN NO. 474

"As a Child Rests" | *AS A CHILD RESTS*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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



474

As a Child Rests

(Psalm 131)



As a child rests in its moth-er's arms, so will I rest in you.



As a child rests in its moth-er's arms, so will I rest in you.

to Refrain



- 1 My God, I am not proud. I do not look for things too great.
- 2 My God, I trust in you. You care for me, you give me peace.
- 3 O Is - rael, trust in God, now and al - ways trust in God.

The image of the resting child in this paraphrase of Psalm 131 seems even more remarkable when this psalm is put in context. It is one of the Songs of Ascent sung by pilgrims on the way to Jerusalem. To be still in God in the midst of such activity is indeed a blessed condition.

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

"Noël Grand jeu et duo" | *Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772)*

*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. 744

"Arise, Your Light is Come!" | *FESTAL SONG*

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

May the love of Christ that shines in you
shine brightly in the world wherever you go.
And the blessing of God,
Divine Giver, Radiant Light, and the Fountain of Life
bless you and keep you always.

Alleluia!

Let us go forth, rejoicing in the light of God's love.
Amen.

POSTLUDE

"In dulci jubilo", BWV 608 | *J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

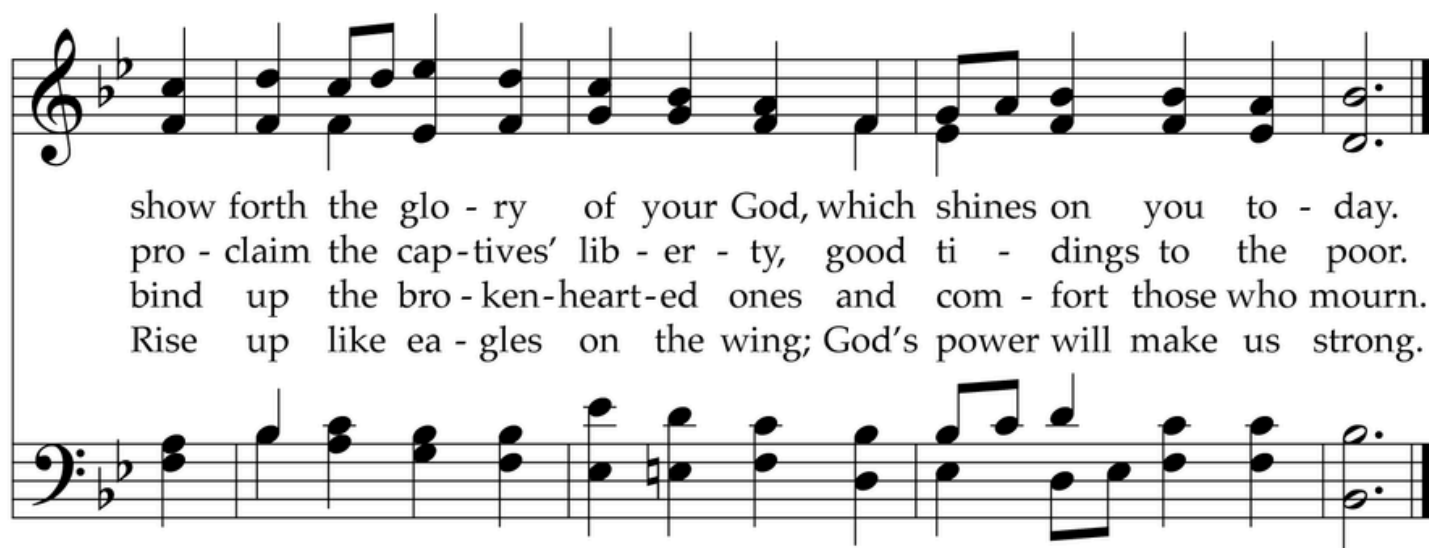
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744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!



1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken-heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Echoing imagery from Isaiah 61:1–2 and other passages, this text was created as an inclusive-language alternative to an older hymn using this late 19th-century tune. Because it is a song of encouragement rather than a song of praise, it is not directed to God but to people.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*
Marko Petričić | *Organist*
Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*

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Events and Announcements

January Mission Collection for Westminster

The Mission Team is collecting pasta for our mission partner, Westminster Neighborhood Services, for the month of January! Donate boxes of pasta (spaghetti, noodles, any other pasta) to the yellow bin in The Gathering Place.

Youth Group Bowling | Jan. 5th | 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Youth Group returns with bowling at Woodland Bowl at 96th and Keystone. Members will meet our wonderful youth group volunteers, Ben and Morgan, at Woodland for lane and shoe rental. No cost to attend!

2025 Yoga Workshops | Beginning Jan. 10th | 12:15 - 2:15 pm

Beginning in 2025, these two-hour intensives on the second Friday of every month will focus on a different subject matter. All are welcome, and yoga teaching professionals can earn two CEUs.



Court Watchers Meeting | Jan. 12th | 11:15 am - 12:30 pm

All present, future, and prospective court watchers are invited to meet, following worship, in the Board Room to kickstart a New Year of advocacy and data gathering! For questions, please contact Dolly Craft!

Sound & Spirit: Katherine Jolliff | Feb. 2nd | 4:00 pm

Named one of *The Diapason's* "Top 20 under 30," organist Katherine Jolliff plays a repertoire featuring J. S. Bach, Buxtehude, Karg-Elert, and more. This concert is open to all and completely free!



Rainbow Brunch | Feb. 9th | 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

LGBTQIA2S+ family - let's share a meal! Come join us for NPC's first Rainbow Brunch on February 9th following worship at Garden Table in Broad Ripple. Contact Rebekah Ryan or Scott Cavins with any questions!



Italian Night | Feb. 22nd | 5:30 - 8:00 pm

Italian Night is back! All ages are invited to come and enjoy the evening a delicious pasta dinner plus silent and live auctions! No payment is required, but a free-will offering will be received at the event.



Sound & Spirit: Appalachian Road Show | Feb. 28th | 7:00 pm

Nominated for numerous IBMA awards, bluegrass band Appalachian Road Show bring their tight instrumentation and spiraling harmonies to a new generation of fans.



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

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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.

Weekly Email Newsletters

Stay up to date with everything going on at Northminster by subscribing to our newsletter at northminster.church/newsletter

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The prayer list is available 24/7 online! Visit northminster.church/prayer

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