



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Baptism of the Lord | January 12, 2025, 10:00 am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The voice of God resounds upon the water.

The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.

The Son of God is named, "Beloved,"

And all who worship shout out, "Glory!"

Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength.

Let us worship God in holy splendor.

*HYMN NO. 482

"Baptized in Water" | BUNESSAN

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God whose spirit moved over the waters,
You have washed us in your mercy,
claimed us as your own,
bound us in community,
and called us to lives of baptismal grace.

We regret we have not lived
as if we were your baptized people.
We stumble over opportunities for forgiveness.
We prioritize our own selfish interests.
We are slow to disrupt the status quo,
even when it means ignoring our neighbors' suffering.

Forgive us, O God, and lead us back to your waters of transformation.

*SILENT CONFESSION

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



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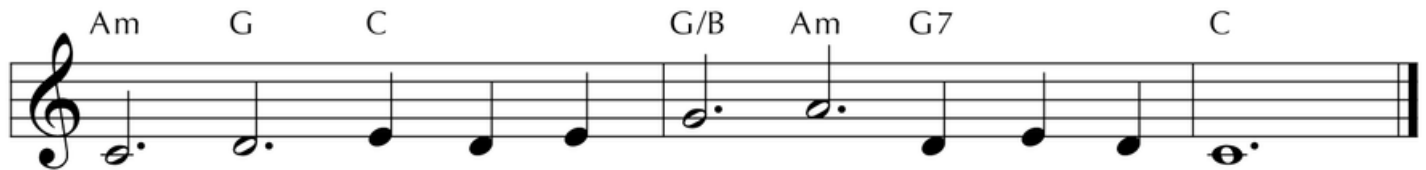
Baptized in Water



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing the
 tomb with Christ our King; one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
 sign of Christ our King; born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

Each stanza of this compact and carefully constructed text about baptism begins with allusions to John 3:5 and Ephesians 1:13. The interplay of constant and changing lines accentuates each added image. It is set here to a Gaelic tune first transcribed in the 19th century.

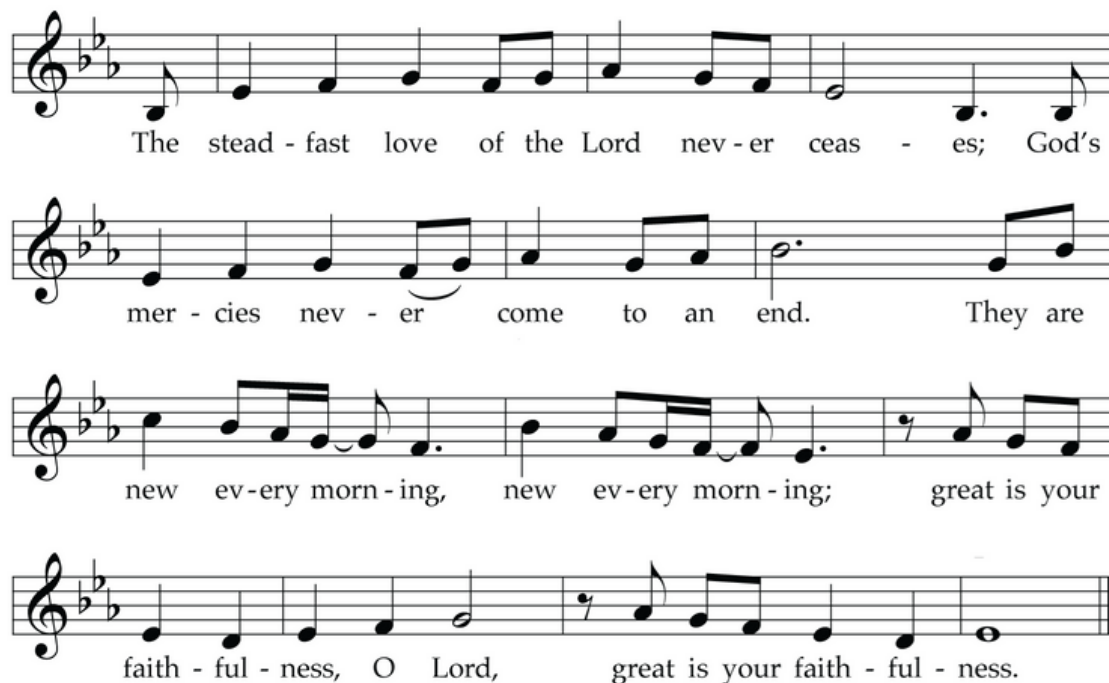
*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Beloved, God forgives our sins.
Know you are free.

Let us now be at peace to love the Lord
and serve in the world.

*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

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



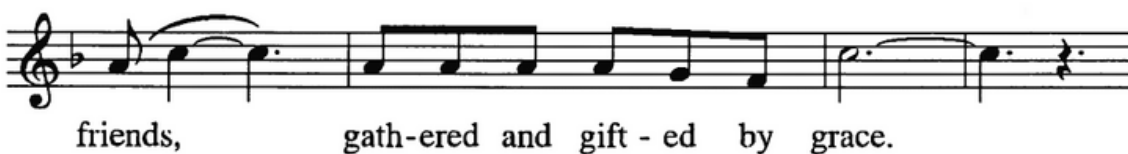
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

"Gathered in God's Name" | Michael Burkhardt

(Please sing refrain on cue from leader)

Refrain

with great joy!



*For those who are able, please stand.



FIRST LESSON | PROPHETS

Isaiah 43: 1-7 | OT p. 672

SECOND LESSON | PSALMS

Psalms 29



THIRD LESSON | GOSPEL

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22 | NT p. 60

SERMON

"What's In The Water?" | *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.

from The Rite of Baptism for Children, 1969

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Do we, the members of the church accept these Deacons and Ruling Elders as chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

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



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

"Take My Life and Let it Be" | *arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1950)*

1) Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2) Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

3) Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

4) Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

5) Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee,

*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.*



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!
 (my Lord,) (an - y - time!)

This African American spiritual has more depth than may at first appear: for people who are bound in slavery to sing about dedicating themselves to God's use shows a profound awareness of God-given self-worth despite circumstances that would deny their human or spiritual value.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN NO. 691

"Lord, When I Came into This Life" | *LAND OF REST*

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

Alleluia!

Go out into the world in peace,
have courage,
hold onto what is good.

**Let us return no one evil for evil,
strengthen the fainthearted,
support the weak, and help the suffering.
Let us honor all people, love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

POSTLUDE

"Christ our Lord to Jordan came", Op. 28 | *Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)*

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



Lord, When I Came into This Life 691

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is a simple, stepwise shape-note tune. The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each corresponding to a line of music. The first system contains four lines of lyrics, the second and third systems contain two lines each, and the fourth system contains three lines. The lyrics are: 1 Lord, when I came in - to this life you; 2 With - in the cir - cle of the faith, as; 3 In all the ten - sions of my life, be -; 4 So help me in my un - be - lief and; called me by my name; to - day I come, com -; mem - ber of your cast, I take my place with; tween my faith and doubt, let your great Spir - it; let my life be true: feet firm - ly plant - ed; mit my - self, re - spond - ing to your claim.; all the saints of fu - ture, pres - ent, past.; give me hope, sus - tain me, lead me out.; on the earth, my sights set high on you.

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Written for the confirmation of the author's son, this text of self-dedication also voices our recurring individual need to recommit ourselves in less formal ways. The familiar shape note tune enhances a sense of finding our place among God's people from all times and places.

IN WORSHIP

This morning's opening hymn, No. 482 "Baptized in Water," was written by British theologian Michael Saward in 1981. The hymn lists some of the things God does in baptism – cleanses, makes us heirs of salvation, promises, brings death and life in Christ, frees, forgives, and gives new life in the Spirit as God's children. The Gaelic melody, BUNESSAN accompanies the text. Some of our worshippers may recall recording artist Cat Stevens, now known as Yusuf, used this tune in his 1972 recording of the hymn arrangement "Morning Has Broken."

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, shakes the wilderness; bursts forth in lightning flashes; makes the oak tress write 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 peace."

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*
Marko Petričić | *Organist*
Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*
Chancel Choir
Jonathan Shinn | *Cantor*
Katie Ray | *Soloist*

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



Events and Announcements

Court Watchers Meeting | Today | 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!

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.

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

Named one of *The Diapason's* "Top 20 under 30," organist Katherine Jolliff plays 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!



Yoga Classes & Workshops

Northminster Community Yoga is back with six classes per week, private sessions, and yoga philosophy discussions on the 2nd Friday every month! Click on the QR for much more information. There is something for everyone!



CPR/AED Training | Feb. 16th | 11:15 am - 12:30 pm

NPC's own Matt Boris, an IFD firefighter, will lead a free training in CPR and the use of the AED equipment. Please note that it will not include certification. Registration is not required but helpful as we plan!



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

Italian Night is back! All ages are invited to come and enjoy an evening of delicious pasta and live/silent auctions! No payment is required, but a free-will offering can be made at the event. Learn more by scanning the QR code!



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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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.

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