



World Communion Sunday





NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

World Communion Sunday | October 5, 2025, 10:00 am

*(*For those who are able, please stand)*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Moonlight" | Goran Bregović (b. 1950)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

From north and south and east and west,
Let all the people praise you, O God.

Let all the people praise you.

On the vast plains and in the deepest rainforest
In the mountains and land below sea level

Let all the people praise you.

In the driest desert and wettest marsh
In city cathedrals and village churches

Let all the people praise you.

In a multitude of languages and an array of signs
In song and prayer, in drama and dance
In the sharing together of bread and cup

Let all the people praise you, O God.

Let all the people praise you.

* HYMN NO. 317

"In Christ There is No East or West" | MCKEE

* CALL TO CONFESSION



317 In Christ There Is No East or West

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com -
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet

south or north, but one great fel - low -
 mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
 race may be. All chil - dren of the
 south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

This setting expands and enhances the thematic inclusiveness of an early 20th-century text by adapting the melody of a traditional spiritual to carry these words. This 1940 pairing marked the first use of African American musical material in a mainline North American hymnal.

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O God of life, grant us your forgiveness
for our careless thoughts and thoughtless deeds,
for our empty speech and the words with which we have wounded.

O God of life, grant us your forgiveness
for our false desires and hateful actions,
for our wastefulness and for all we have left untended.

O God of life, grant us your forgiveness.
In you we place our hope,
our great hope,
our living hope,
this day and always.

* **SILENT CONFESSION**

* **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, hear and believe the hopeful news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia!

* **RESPONSE**

Hymn No. 582: "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON | EPISTLE

2 Timothy 1: 1-14 | NT p. 211

SECOND LESSON | GOSPEL

Luke 17: 5-10 | NT p. 80

SERMON

"Wait, What?!" | Brian Shivers

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF UNITY

from the World Communion of Reformed Churches

We share one faith,
have one calling,
are of one soul and one mind,
have one God and Creator,
are filled with one Spirit,
are baptized with one baptism,
eat of one bread and drink of one cup,
confess one Name,
are obedient to one Lord,
work for one cause,
and share one hope.
Together we strive to serve God in the world.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Terra Beata/Whole World" | arr. Brant Adams, Lucas Shafer-Johnson (Saxophone)

* DOXOLOGY

OLD 100TH

Praise God, who fills each cup and plate,
Whose table's wide and love is great,
From broken bread, may all be fed,
And justice rise where fear has spread. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

ANTHEM

"Ave verum corpus" | Robert Lau (b. 1943)

Ave verum corpus, natum
de Maria Virgine,
vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine.
Ave verum corpus,
cuius latus perforatum
fluxit aqua et sanguine:
esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine.
Ave verum corpus
in mortis examine.

*Hail, true Body, born
of the Virgin Mary,
who truly suffered, sacrificed
on the cross for mankind.
Hail true Body,
from whose pierced side
water and blood flowed:
Be for us a foretaste
in the trial of death.
Hail, true body,
in trial of death.*

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.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus (Roberts and Yaqub)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's name. Ho -

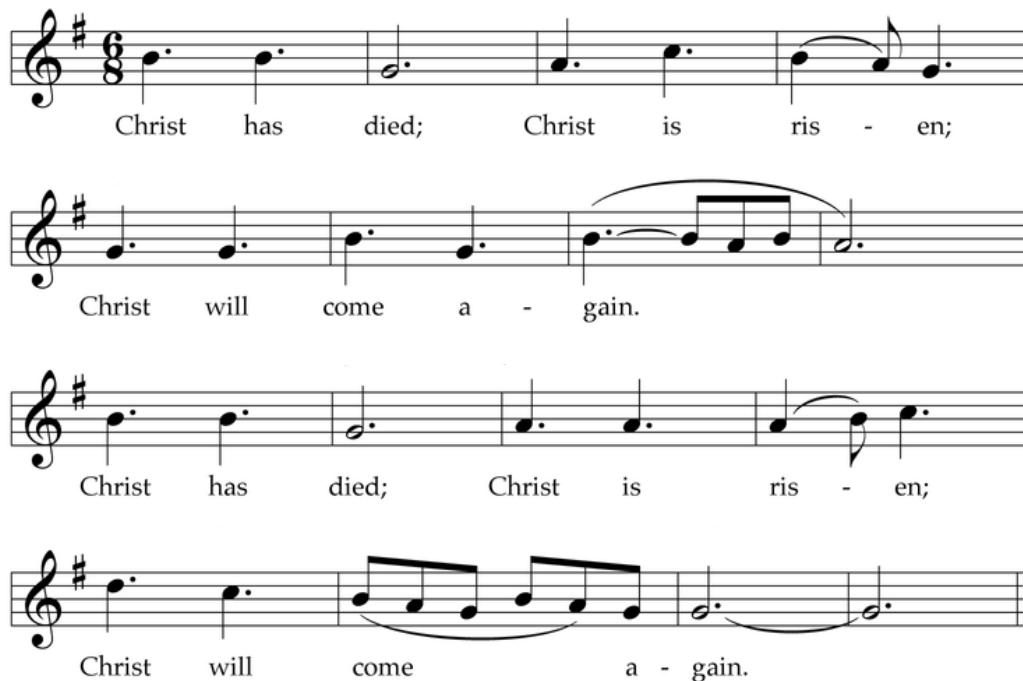
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CHRIST HAS DIED; CHRIST IS RISEN

Memorial Acclamation (Roberts and Yaqub)



Christ has died; Christ is ris - en;

Christ will come a - gain.

Christ has died; Christ is ris - en;

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The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 8/8 time. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Christ has died; Christ is ris - en;'. The second staff contains 'Christ will come a - gain.'. The third staff contains 'Christ has died; Christ is ris - en;'. The fourth staff contains 'Christ will come a - gain.'. The notation includes various note values, rests, and a final double bar line.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celtic Version written by John Philip Newell

Holy One Beyond all names
Eternal Wellspring
May love rise again in us today
With food for every table
Shelter for every family
And reverence for every life.
Forgive us our failings in love
And free us from all falseness
That the light of our souls may shine
And the strength of our spirits endure
For Earth and all its people
This day, tonight, and forever.

AMEN

Amen (Roberts and Yaqub)



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

(All are welcome and all bread is gluten-free.)

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

“O Bread of Life from Heaven” | J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

O bread of life from heaven, O food to pilgrims given,
O manna from above:
feed with the blessed sweetness of your divine completeness
the souls that want and need your love.

O fount of grace redeeming, O river ever streaming
from Jesus' wounded side:
come now, your love bestowing on thirsting souls, and flowing
till all are fully satisfied.

We love you, Jesus, tender, in all your hidden splendor
within these means of grace.

Oh, let the veil be riven, and our clear eye in heaven
behold your glory face to face.

PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

You have met us at the table, Lord Jesus,
to unite us with you and our siblings around the world.
Go with us now into that world
to be a sign of living welcome
to the earth and all its peoples. 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. 295

"Go to the World!" | *SINE NOMINE*

* BLESSING AND CHARGE

From where we are to where you lead us,

Jesus, now lead on.

From the security of what we know
to the adventure of what you will reveal,

Jesus, now lead on.

To refashion the fabric of this world
until it resembles the shape of your realm,

Jesus, now lead on.

Because good things have been prepared
for those who love God,

Jesus, now lead on.

Go into the world
seeking God's presence in every time and space.

**We go, knowing the Triune God -
Creator, Christ, and Spirit - is with us always.
Hallelujah! Amen.**

Go to the World!

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1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Based on Christ's great commission (Matthew 28:19-20), this text was written for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians.

RESPONSE

"Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises" | *Traditional South African*

Refrain

Hallelujah! We sing your praises;
all our hearts are filled with gladness.

Hallelujah! We sing your praises;
all our hearts are filled with gladness.

Christ the Lord to us said:

I am wine, I am bread.

I am wine, I am bread:

give to all who thirst and hunger. (*Refrain*)

Now he sends us all out,
strong in faith, free of doubt,
strong in faith, free of doubt.

Tell to all the joyful gospel. (*Refrain*)

IN WORSHIP

Today's liturgy is from *What Does the Lord Require?*, the World Communion of Reformed Churches, and the Wee Worship Book of the Iona Community in Scotland.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*

Marko Petričić | *Organ & Bayan*

Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*

Chancel Choir

Jonathan Shinn | *Soloist*

Lucas Shafer-Johnson | *Saxophone*

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Annual Appeal: Streams of Generosity - Rivers of Grace

Check your mail for a 2026 Annual Appeal pledge card! You are invited to complete the card and bring it with you to Commitment Sunday on October 26, 2025, drop it in the mail, or bring it by the church office.

Cards are also now available in the pews.

Thank you for your faithful commitment and dedication to
Northminster Presbyterian Church!



Events and Announcements

Butter Braids | Now Through Oct. 15th

NPC Deacons are also offering Croissant Crowns, Amish Pretzels, and Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough. Order in The Gathering Place on Wednesday evenings, before/after worship on Sundays, or through the QR code!



Uncovering Your “Why” For Advocacy | Weds., Oct. 15 & 22 | 6:00 pm

Join Josh Riddick and Jennifer Shivers as they help us become better advocates for issues near to our hearts. Learn how to uncover and articulate YOUR personal motivations or “personal interest” in advocacy work.



Fall Work Day | Saturday, Oct. 18 | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Join the Building and Grounds team as we do our semiannual maintenance work in and around the church! There will be painting projects, landscaping projects, and more. Use the QR code to sign up (jobs divided day of).



Electronics Recycling | Saturday, Oct. 25 | 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Bring your old, unused electronics to Northminster to have them properly disposed of! Most electronics can't be disposed of through your regular trash service, but Northminster will dispose of these electronics for free!

Trunk or Treat | Saturday, Oct. 25 | 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Trunk or Treat is back! Set-up will begin in the south parking lot at 12:30 pm and cars with decorated trunks will form a circle in the parking lot. If you'd like to sign up to decorate your car, please use the QR code!



Menopause Panel Discussion | Sunday, Nov. 9 | 11:15 am - 1:30 pm

Join Drs. Stephanie Meade, Melanie MacLaren, and Deb Ronco as they explore menopause from medical and holistic perspectives. Open to all—men, women, and children. Reservations required using the QR code!



Northminster Fall Festival | Saturday, Nov. 15 | 11:30 am - 3:00 pm

Enjoy games, pumpkin painting, live music by The Porchmen, and a free chili lunch at 12:30. All are welcome! Volunteers needed for cooking and clean-up using the QR code.



Mission Team October Collection: White Rice & Pasta

For October, the Mission Team is collecting boxes of pasta and white rice for our partner, Westminster Neighborhood Services! Please consider a donation in the yellow bin in The Gathering Place.

More information on these events and others can be found on our website at northminster.church/events

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Stephen Ministry Leader

Teri Thomas
Pastor Emerita

Donald R. Durrett
Associate Pastor Emeritus

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.

Parenting and Sensory Rooms

Behind the sanctuary in the Narthex are Parenting and Sensory Rooms.

The Parenting Room offers a private space for feeding, changing diapers, and calming children. Toys, games, and books are also available! The Sensory Room provides a quieter, darker space with tools for those with sensory needs. Both rooms have TVs for livestreaming the service via YouTube.

Fidgets and noise-dimming headphones are available outside the Sensory Room.

Children in Worship

We rejoice in all ages worshipping together! There are red worship bags available with activities as well as a quiet activity table and rocking chairs available on the east side of the sanctuary. We also have nursery care and church school happening simultaneously to worship if that is preferred.

Prayer Lists

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

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