



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost | October 12, 2025, 10:00 am

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

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME AND MOMENT FOR GENEROSITY

PRELUDE

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of God's name.

How awesome are your deeds, O God!

We sing praises to your name.

Come and see what God has done.

How awesome are your deeds, O God!

We sing praises to your name.

Even when God has tested us,
even when we have gone through fire and water:

God has brought us out to a spacious place.

Our God is an awesome God!

* HYMN NO. 39

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" | FAITHFULNESS

* CALL TO CONFESSION

Even when we are faithless, Christ remains faithful.
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, have mercy on us.

We keep our distance from you, for we are broken.

Yet you see us, and cleanse us, and make us whole.

Forgive us when we forget to return to you.

Have mercy when we fail to praise your name.

Help us to exude the faith that makes us well.

* SILENT CONFESSION

39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sun - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!
 오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.
 날 마 다 자 비 를 베풀 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
 일 올 용 할 모 든 것 네 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!
 오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

*** DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Hear the good news: Your call has been answered.

Christ has healed us and forgiven our sin.

Thanks be to God!

*** RESPONSE**

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

*** 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

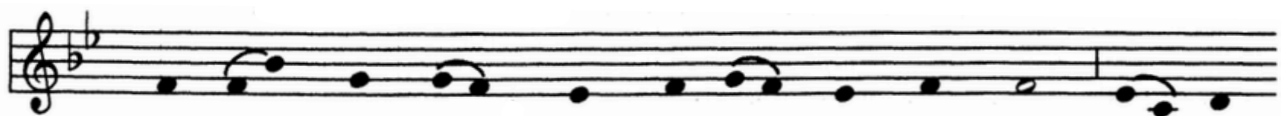
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON | GOSPEL

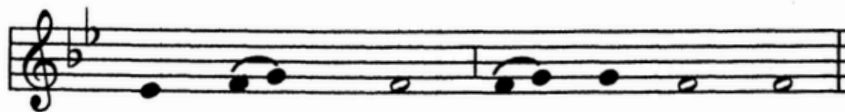
Luke 17: 11-19 | NT p. 80

SECOND LESSON | PSALMS

Psalms 111



The grac - ious LORD makes his mar - vel - ous works to be



re - mem - bered, hal - le - lu - jah.

THIRD LESSON | PROPHETS

Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7 | OT p. 731

SERMON

"Build, Plant; Seek, Pray" | Brian Shivers

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* ANTHEM

"For the Beauty of the Earth" | *John Rutter (b. 1945)*

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of night.
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent child,
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild.
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine, to our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven.
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

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

OFFERTORY

"Pax Vobiscum, Op. 86" | *Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)*

* 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.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

* **HYMN NO. 65**

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" | CWM RHONDDA

* **BLESSING AND CHARGE**

May God keep watch over us and all peoples.

May Christ restore us, body and soul.

May the Holy Spirit help us to remain faithful.

Let us give thanks to God our whole life long.

Alleluia! Amen!

RESPONSE

"Total Praise" | *Smallwood/Rao*

Lord, I will lift mine eyes to the hills,

knowing my help is coming from You.

Your peace You give me in time of the storm.

You are the source of my strength.

You are the strength of my life.

I lift my hands in total praise to you. Amen.

IN WORSHIP

Today's liturgy is adapted from *Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year C, Volume 2*.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*

Blaine Dinwiddie | *Co-Chair, Building and Grounds Team*

Marko Petričić | *Organ*

Norah Ellington | *Liturgist*

Kairi Kanda | *Liturgist*

Sam Spade | *Soloist*

Chancel Choir

Music reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE, License #A-707565. All rights reserved.

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.

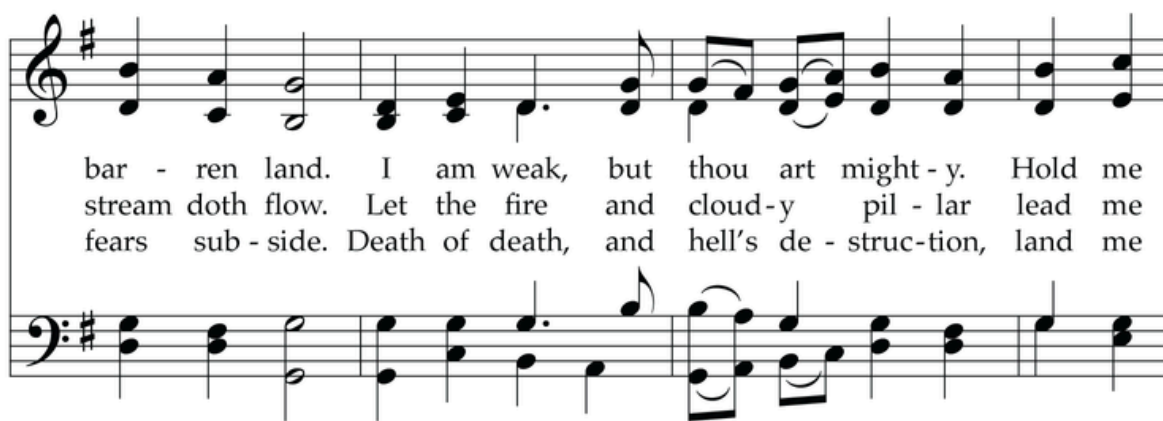
Thank you for your faithful commitment and dedication to
Northminster Presbyterian Church!



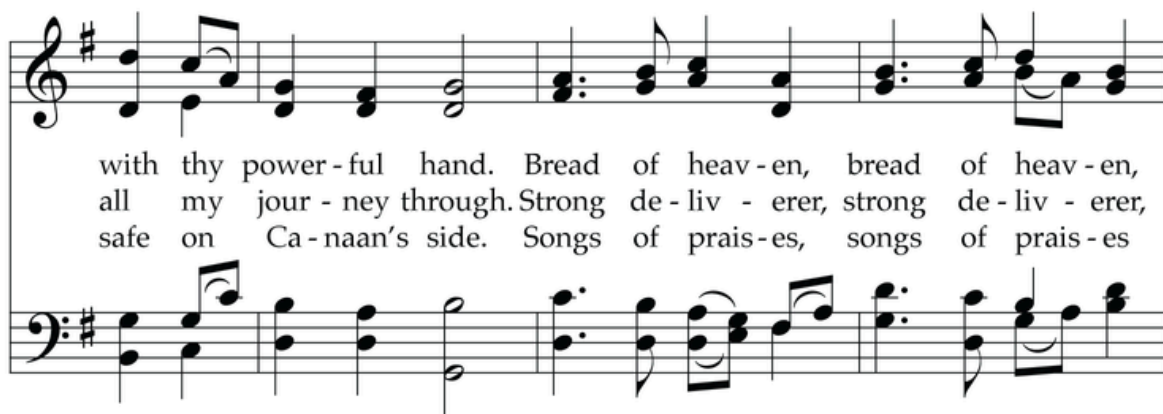
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65



1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es



feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.

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 unwanted electronics to the north parking lot at Northminster for proper disposal. Most items are free, but RecycleForce does charge \$20 for flat-screen TV's and refrigerators/freezers. Thanks for doing your part!

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!



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.

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.



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

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Christ-Centered | Grounded in the Word | Relevant | Inclusive | Nurturing | Serving

Brian Shivers
Pastor/Head of Staff

Karen Herbst-Kim
Associate Pastor

John Wright
Director of Music Ministries

Carol McDonald
Parish Associate

Marko Petričić
Music Associate/Organist

Amy Hughley
Interim Director of Music Ministries

Cheryl Plunkett
Office Administrator

Melissa Hopkins
Director of Children's Ministry

Timothy Foster
Director of Communications

Denise Harrington
Director of Senior Ministries

Emma Moore
Operations Administrator & Youth Ministry Coordinator

Krista Wright
Spiritual Wholeness and Wellness Coordinator

Elisabeth Kleinsmith
Family Engagement Coordinator

Ynfinity Taylor
Bookkeeper

Steve Williams
Finance Administrator

Shiloh O'Rourke
Director of Preschool

Tim McElroy
Lead Custodian

Jonathan McGee
Custodian

Valerie Boak
Custodian

Rod Mail
Stephen Ministry Leader

Tony Dzwonar
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

Connect With Us



@Northminsterindy



@northminsterindy



northminster-indy.org

(317) 251-9489

office@northminster-indy.org

9am - 3pm (M-Th) | Closed Friday

1660 Kessler Blvd. E. Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46220

