



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost | October 26, 2025, 10:00 am

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

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Fugue in D Major, BWV 532" | J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and worship,
everyone on earth,
everywhere the sun shines,

let's praise God together.

For listening when we call,
answering our payers,
forgiving our mistakes
and providing what we need:

let's praise God together.

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everywhere the sun shines,

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* HYMN NO. 716

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" | BEACH SPRING

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716



1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your



end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly
Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es
grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to



cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn
joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in



to you, of - fering up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall
la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,
shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,



rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, giver of blessings,
we thank you for the mercies we know,
and ask your forgiveness
when we fail to acknowledge you
as the source of all good.
When we hoard our gifts,
when we say, "that's mine,"
when we ignore the bounty around us,
when we are blind to the good,
forgive us.
Help us to share...
to see...
to live gratefully.
Through Christ we pray.

* SILENT CONFESSION

* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The One whose giving knows no ending
freely offers us the greatest gift of all:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Alleluia! Amen!

* RESPONSE

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

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

* 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

Children are dismissed to Church School

Offerings added to the Joyful Noise Pail are for mission partner Heifer International

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON | PSALMS

Psalm 65 | OT p. 527-528

SECOND LESSON | PSALMS

Psalm 84: 1-7



THIRD LESSON | PROPHETS

Joel 2: 21-32 | OT p. 848

SERMON

"Dreams and Visions" | *Brian Shivers*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN NO. 435

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" | *IN BABILONE*

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.

435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy



1 There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness
 2 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures

of the sea. There's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice,
 of the mind. And the heart of the E - ter - nal

which is more than lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's
 is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more

sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
 faith - ful, we would glad - ly trust God's Word, and our lives re -

where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
 flect thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of our Lord.

These stanzas, excerpted from quite a few more, offer a reminder that the model for our dealings with others should be God's generosity rather than limited human tolerance. The text is effectively set to a broad and sturdy Dutch folk melody, probably from the 17th century.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"I Will Arise" | arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

I will arise and go to Jesus.
He will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior
Oh! There are ten thousand charms.
Teach me some melodious sonnet
sung by flaming tongues above,
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it.
Mount of Thy redeeming love.

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing.
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace.
Streams of mercy never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
I will arise and go to Jesus.
He will embrace me in his arms,
In the arms of my dear Savior
Oh! There are ten thousand charms.

* DOXOLOGY

OLD 100TH | Matt Nutter

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

* PROCESSION OF GENEROSITY AND GRACE

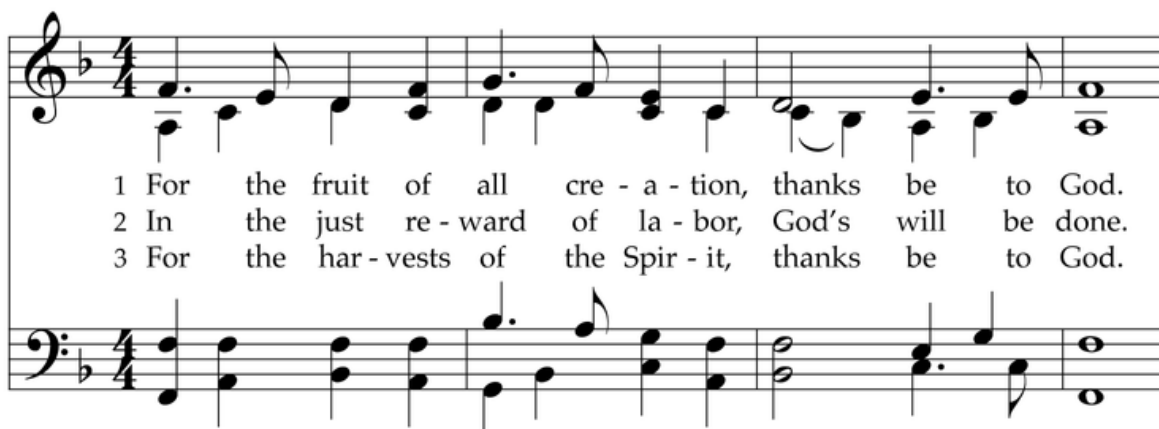
Hymn No. 36: "For the Fruit of All Creation" | AR HYD Y NOS

As the hymn is sung, all are invited to come forward using the center aisle in response to God's gracious generosity. If you are making a 2026 pledge, please place your pledge card in the Joyful Noise Pail.

If you are unable to come forward for the procession, you may place your pledge card in the Joyful Noise Pail following worship.

For the Fruit of All Creation

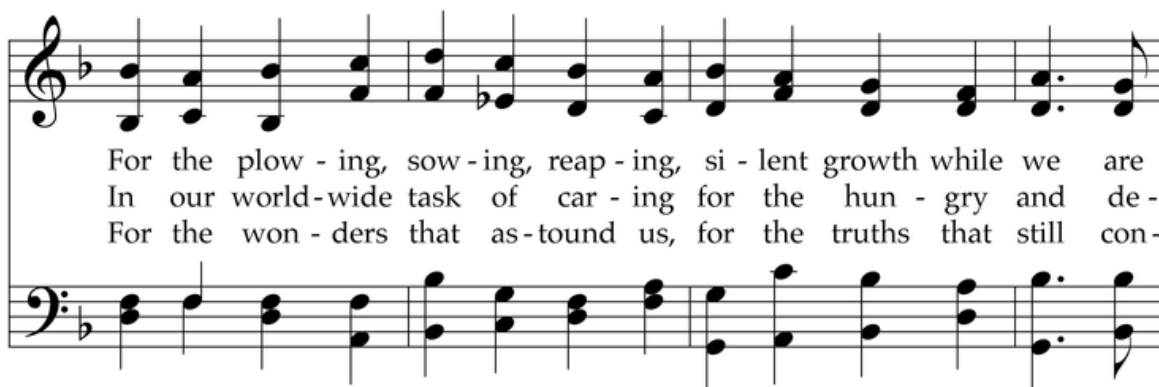
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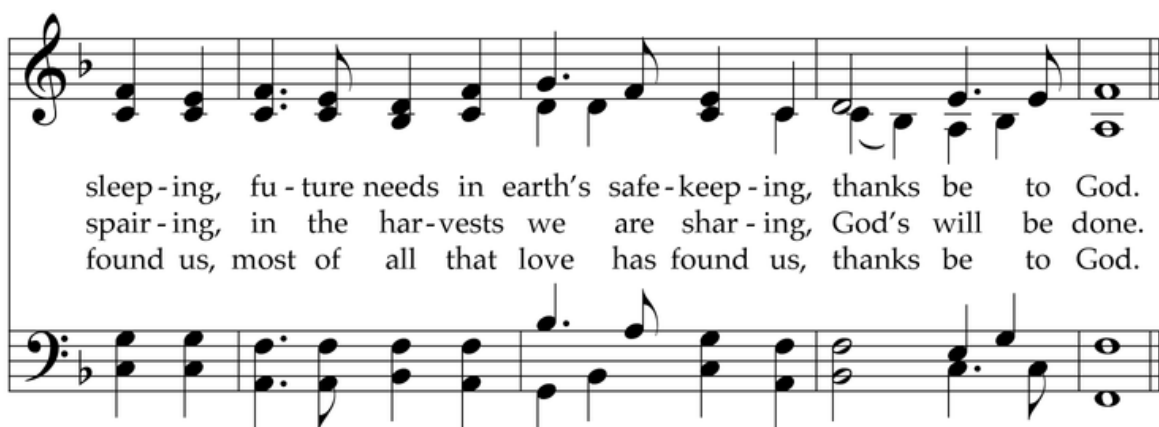
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -



sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
 found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Originally called "Harvest Hymn," this text is much more comprehensive than that title implies. It also deals with stewardship, thanksgiving, and God's endless gifts that continue to astound us. It is set to a familiar Welsh tune whose name means "throughout the night."

* BLESSING AND CHARGE

God's steadfast covenant writes it:

the law of love in our hearts.

Christ's concern for the least demands it:

the cry of justice on our lips.

The Spirit's encouragement breathes it:

The living word within us.

And remember ...

**God will guard our going out and our coming in
from this time on and forevermore.**

RESPONSE

"God Be in My Head" | *John Rutter*

God be in my head and in my understanding.

God be in mine eyes and in my looking.

God be in my mouth and in my speaking.

God be in mine heart and in my thinking.

God be at my end and in my departing.

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*

Marko Petričić | *Organ*

Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*

Chancel Choir

Jonathan Shinn | *Cantor*

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Congregational Meeting

Please plan on staying after worship briefly on Sunday, November 2 as we receive the nominations from our Nominating Committee for our new class of officers for 2026 and vote to elect them to serve the congregation. Your presence and your vote are important!

Events and Announcements

Make Your Pledge Online!

You can make your pledge online using the QR code to the right or by visiting our website under the "Giving" tab. Thank you for your faithful commitment and dedication to Northminster!



Sound & Spirit: Simon Thomas Jacobs | Today | 4:00 pm

A new Sound & Spirit season returns! Organist Simon Thomas Jacobs explores the colors of Northminster's 2020 C.B. Fisk organ. To see additional performances and support Sound & Spirit, scan the QR code!



Worship Art Workshop | Wed., Oct. 29 | 6:00 pm

Bring your artsy/crafty/creative self and enjoy participating in an Advent art project to decorate the church! Led by Lisa Longo and Mary Boris, so you know it will be beautiful!

Umoja Partnership Speaker: Jerry Owaka | Sun., Nov. 2 | 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Jerry Owaka, Project Officer for the Umoja Partnership, is here from Kenya to share the latest updates about what is happening in the schools and projects we partner to support!

Confronting and Resisting Christian Nationalism | Wed., Nov. 5 | 6:00 pm

Hear from renowned expert John Franke on two significant responses to Christian Nationalism in the twentieth century as well as examine historical examples of confrontation and resistance.

"Menopause: We ALL Go Through It" Panel | Sun., 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 identities, orientations, and ages. Reservations required using the QR code!



Youth Group Fall Family Night | Sun., Nov. 9 | 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Youth-group-aged students and their families (moms, dads, grandparents, siblings, etc.) are invited! Family night is FREE and includes 2 hours of Top Golf and dinner! Make sure to complete your registration by November 1st.



Northminster Fall Festival | Sat., 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 are still needed for cooking and clean-up. You can register through the QR code or on the events page.



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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

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