



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost | November 9, 2025, 10:00 am

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

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Praeludium in D Major, BuxWV 139" | Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather today to worship
the One who created us,
the One who calls us,
the One who equips us,
the One who loves us without end.

With joyful hearts, let us worship God.

* HYMN NO. 32

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God" | ELLACOMBE

* CALL TO CONFESSION

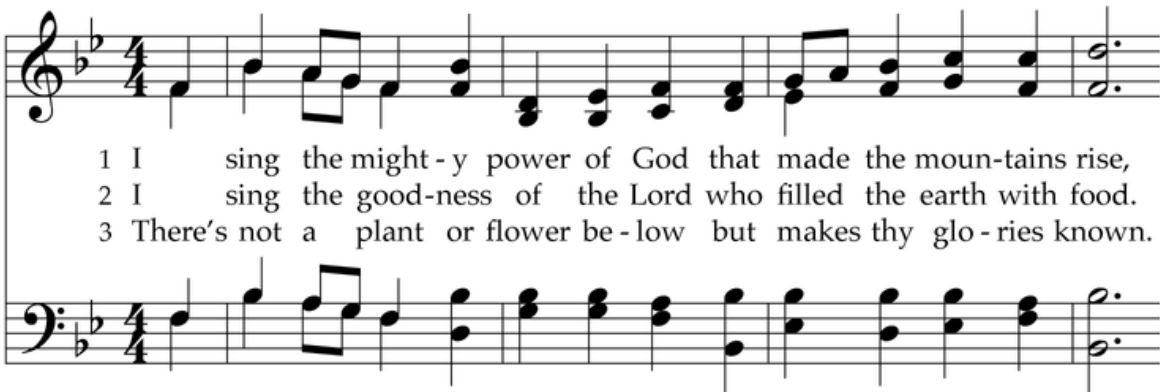
* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, hear our prayer:
for the mending of our hearts
torn apart by our unkindness;
for the healing of our souls
wasting away from the despair around us;
for the forgiveness we seek,
for the sin we allow to persist,
for the reconciliation of the world
whose division condemns us.
We pray for the courage to admit our fault,
the strength to amend our actions,
and the hope that your grace awaits us.
Through Christ we pray.

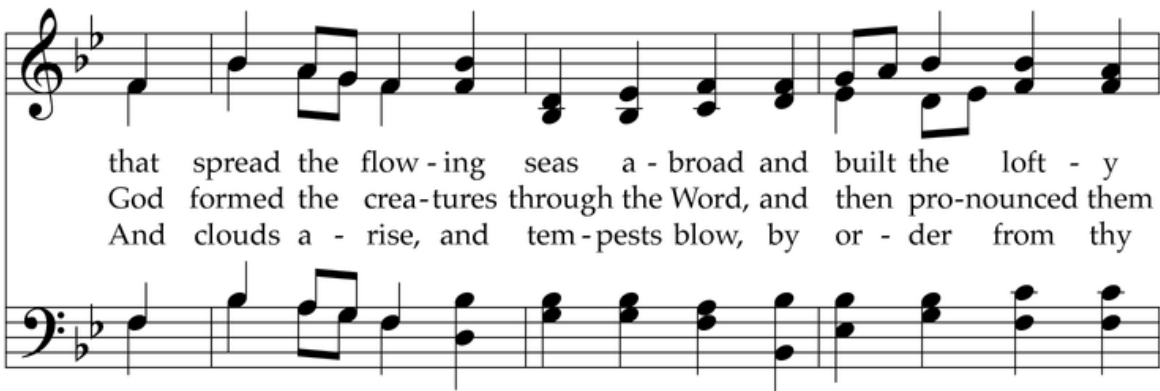
* SILENT CONFESSION



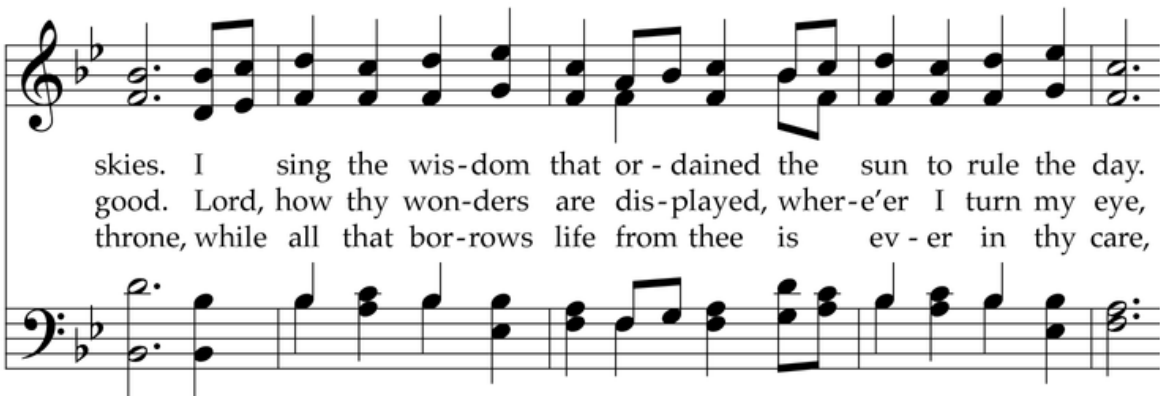
32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God



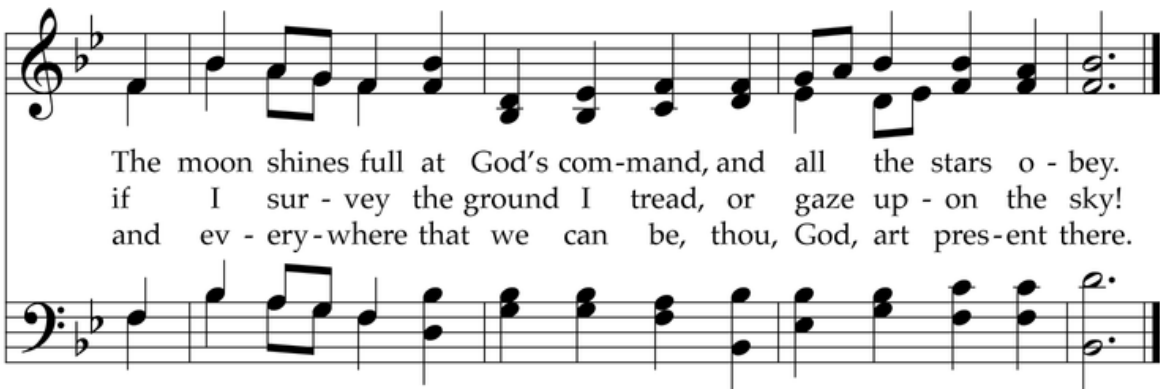
1 I sing the might - y power of God that made the moun - tains rise,
2 I sing the good - ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
3 There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes thy glo - ries known.



that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y
God formed the crea - tures through the Word, and then pro - nounced them
And clouds a - rise, and tem - pests blow, by or - der from thy



skies. I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day.
good. Lord, how thy won - ders are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye,
throne, while all that bor - rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,



The moon shines full at God's com - mand, and all the stars o - bey.
if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
and ev - ery - where that we can be, thou, God, art pres - ent there.

With minimal revision this text brings together six of the eight four-line stanzas in an 18th-century hymn written for children and originally headed "Praise for Creation and Providence." The anonymous German tune provides a fitting sense of breadth and wonder.

* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, nothing in all creation -
absolutely nothing -
can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hear and believe the good news
for all people:

**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

ANTHEM

"This Little Light of Mine" | *Ken Berg; Ryan Kim (Cello)*

This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine...
...let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm going to let it shine...
...let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!
All through the night, I'm going to let it shine...
...let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children are dismissed to Church School

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

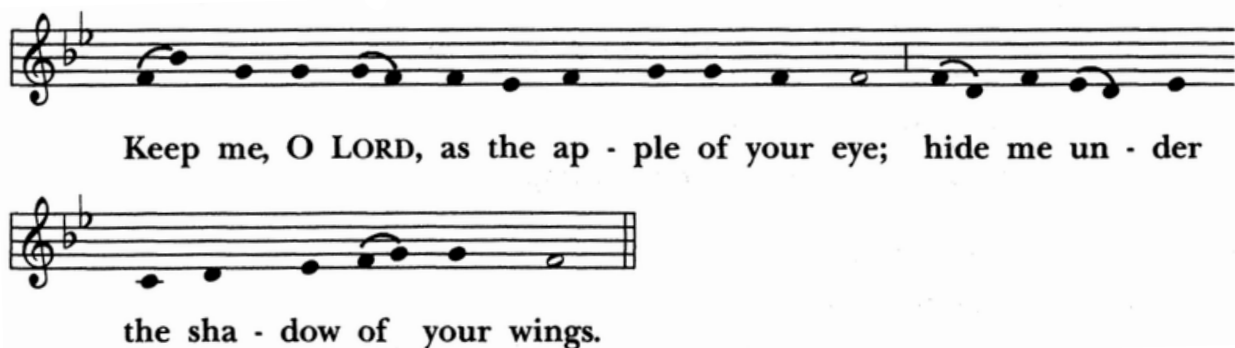
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON | PSALMS

Psalm 145: 1-5, 17-21 | OT p. 581

SECOND LESSON | PSALMS

Psalm 17: 1-9



THIRD LESSON | EPISTLE

2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-17 | NT p. 206

SERMON

"It's Not What You Think" | *Karen Herbst-Kim*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

"Since By Man Came Death" (from *Messiah*) | G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

Since by man came death,
by man came also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die,
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

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

"I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" (from *Messiah*) | G.F. Handel

I know that my redeemer liveth
and that he shall stand
at the latter day upon the earth.
And though worms destroy this body,
yet in my flesh shall I see God,
yet in my flesh shall I see God.
For now is Christ risen from the dead,
the first fruits of them that sleep, of them that sleep.

* 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

* HYMN NO. 846

"Fight the Good Fight" | DUKE STREET

Fight the Good Fight

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1 Fight the good fight with all thy might.
 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace;
 3 Cast care a - side; lean on thy guide.
 4 Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near.

Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.
 lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face.
 God's bound - less mer - cy will pro - vide.
 God chang - eth not, and thou art dear.

Lay hold on life, and it shall be
 Life with its way be - fore us lies;
 Trust, and thy trust - ing soul shall prove
 On - ly be - lieve, and thou shalt see

thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
 Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
 Christ is its life, and Christ its love.
 that Christ is all in all to thee.

The opening phrase here (based on 1 Timothy 6:12) is not a military image but an athletic one, from a Greek verb meaning "struggle" or "grapple" or "wrestle." The sports context continues in later stanzas reflecting the experience of a runner (recalling Hebrews 12:1-2).

* **BLESSING AND CHARGE**

Go now with God in courage.

**We will declare
the message of the gospel
which God has entrusted to us.**

In wholehearted love
for God and for others,

**we will share the message
and our very selves.**

And may the Creator be your haven;
may Christ Jesus lead you into love;
and may the Holy Spirit
bless the work of your hands
and gladden your hearts.

**We go in peace
to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia! Amen!**

POSTLUDE

"I. Introduction - Choral" (from *Suite Gothique*) | *Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)*

IN WORSHIP

Today's liturgy is adapted from the writings of The Rev. Beth Merrill Neel and resources offered by *re:Worship*.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*

Marko Petričić | *Organ*

Peace Choir | *Katie Ray, Director*

Ryan Kim | *Cello*

Amy Hughley | *Cantor*

Chancel Choir

Elisabeth Kleinsmith | *Soloist*

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Events and Announcements

"Menopause: We ALL Go Through It" Panel | Today | 11:15 am - 1:30 pm

Join Drs. Stephanie Meade, Melanie MacLaren, and Deb Ronco as they explore menopause from medical and holistic perspectives and unpack this under-discussed topic. Open to all! Childcare and PB&J available for children.



Lessons from Eviction Court | Wed., Nov. 12 | 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Please join us to hear from Fran Quigley, leader of the Housing, Health, and Human Rights Clinic at IU McKinney School of Law, who will share details and thoughts on "three lessons" from their work in eviction court.

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.



Caravaggio: A Life of Contradiction | Sun., Nov. 16 | 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Led by Jerry Gray, learn about 17th-century Italian Baroque painter, Caravaggio, who has been described as the greatest interpreter of biblical stories and scripture in Western art. RSVP using the QR code!



Turkey Donations | Now Through November 16

The Deacons are preparing Thanksgiving baskets for families from School 55 and are in need of 10 additional turkeys (18-20 lbs) for donations! Please contact Nancy Jarrell if you would like to make a donation.

New Member Class | Tue., Nov. 18 | 5:30 pm

Northminster is hosting a new member class! Dinner begins at 5:30 pm and will conclude with an opportunity to be received into full membership at 7:00 pm. If you are interested, please call or email the office to make a RSVP.

Pokagon 2026 | Registration Closes Wed., Nov. 19

Join us for our annual retreat at the Potawatomi Inn at Pokagon State Park, January 23-25, 2026! This is a relaxing weekend full of fellowship and fun, but spots go quickly so reserve yours today!



November Mission Team Donations

The Northminster Mission Team is collecting shampoo, deodorant, and socks for the month of November! Please consider a donation to the yellow bin in The Gathering Place throughout the month of November.

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Tony Dzwonar
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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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