



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Reign of Christ the King | November 23, 2025, 10:00 am

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

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Te Deum" | Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be the God of all Creation,
**for God has looked favorably on God's people
and redeemed them.**

Blessed be the God of all Creation,
for God has called each of us by name.

Blessed be the God of all Creation,
**for God has blessed God's world
and calls us to worship.
Blessed be the God of all Creation!**

* HYMN NO. 624 (stanzas 1-4)

"I Greet Thee, Who my Sure Redeemer Art" | TOULON

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess we've neglected
to declare Jesus the model for our lives.
We've been quick to call on others
to follow the ways of Christ
yet slow to do the same.
We've been bold in demanding
generosity, mercy, and forgiveness
yet quiet when it comes to offering
love, justice, and compassion.
Forgive us, O God.
Restore in us, yet again,
the commitment to be
more Christlike in word,
in deed, and in spirit.

* SILENT CONFESSION



I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art 624

1 I greet thee, who my sure Re-deem-er art,
 2 Thou art the King of mer-cy and of grace,
 3 Thou art the life, by which a-lone we live,
 4 Thou hast the true and per-fect gen-tle-ness;
 5 Our hope is in no oth-er save in thee;

my on-ly trust and Sav-ior of my heart,
 reign-ing om-ni-po-tent in ev-ery place:
 and all our sub-stance and our strength re-ceive;
 no harsh-ness hast thou and no bit-ter-ness.
 our faith is built up-on thy prom-ise free;

who pain didst un-der-go for my poor sake;
 so come, O King, and our whole be-ing sway;
 sus-tain us by thy faith and by thy power,
 O grant to us the grace we find in thee,
 Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,

I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.
 shine on us with the light of thy pure day.
 and give us strength in ev-ery try-ing hour.
 that we may dwell in per-fect u-ni-ty.
 that in thy strength we ev-er-more en-dure.

The original French text, sometimes attributed to John Calvin, seems to be a Protestant reworking of a Roman Catholic hymn, not a typical practice for him. Yet this text and tune (adapted from GENEVAN 124) clearly date from the early years of the Reformed tradition.

*** DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

All things in heaven and on earth
are reconciled to God in Jesus Christ.

**Forgiveness is ours through faith
in the One in whom
God was pleased to dwell.**

Know and believe

**in Jesus Christ we are forgiven
and we are at peace.**

*** RESPONSE**

Hymn No. 624 (stanza 5): "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

5 Our hope is in no oth - er save in thee;
our faith is built up - on thy prom - ise free;
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,
that in thy strength we ev - er - more en - dure.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system starts with a '5' before the first line of lyrics. The second system has a repeat sign at the end. The third system has a repeat sign at the end. The fourth system has a repeat sign at the end.

*** 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

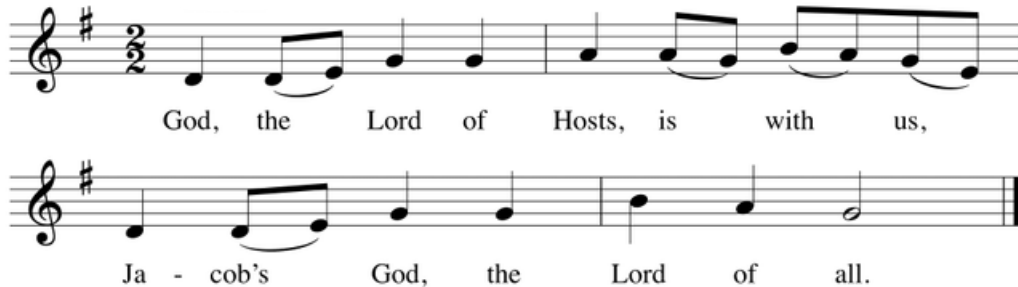
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON | PROPHETS

Jeremiah 23: 1-6 | OT p. 725

SECOND LESSON | PSALMS

Psalm 46



THIRD LESSON | EPISTLE

Colossians 1: 11-20 | NT p. 199

SERMON

"Showing the Way" | Brian Shivers

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN NO. 93

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" | TRURO

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

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

"Te Deum Laudamus" | C. Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

(Offertory text can be found "In Worship")



Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates 93

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
 2 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
 3 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to

King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is
 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
 thee; here, Lord, a - bide. Let me thy in - ner

draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here.
 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
 pres - ence feel; thy grace and love in me re - veal.

Beginning as a paraphrase of Psalm 24:7–10, this text then applies the door imagery to the singer's heart, and concludes with the individual's welcome of the approaching Savior. It is set to a very effective anonymous 18th-century English tune that has served many texts.

* **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. 384**

"Soon and Very Soon" | *SOON AND VERY SOON*

* **BLESSING AND CHARGE**

from Jeremiah 31

"The days are surely coming, says the Lord,
when I will make a new covenant
with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.
I will put my law within them,
and I will write it on their hearts
and I will be their God,
and they shall be my people.

**And all the people shall know me
from the least of these to the greatest."**

Go into the world with God's covenant
written on your hearts.

**We go, calm and sure,
in the strength of God's peace.
And to God be the glory!
Alleluia! Amen!**

RESPONSE

"May The Road Rise Up" | *Trad. Gaelic Blessing, arr. Jay Rouse*

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
the rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet, until we meet,
until we meet again, may God hold you,
may God hold you in the palm of his hand.
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

Soon and Very Soon

1 Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.
 2 No more cry - ing there: we are going to see the King.
 3 No more dy - ing there: we are going to see the King.
 4 Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.

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 Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're going to see the King!

This spirited African American gospel hymn draws on John's vision of the new heaven and the new earth in Revelation 21:3-4, with its wonderful promise that God will wipe away the tears from all eyes, that death will be no longer, and that there will be no more mourning or pain.

New Members at Northminster

Mary Giesel

Kathy Hull

Meredith Hull

Sherie Kendall

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*

Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*

Marko Petričić | *Organ*

Doug Shafer-Johnson | *Cantor*

Chancel Choir

IN WORSHIP

Today's liturgy was prepared by Carol McDonald and adapted from
Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year C.

OFFERTORY

We praise Thee, O God, we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father everlasting.
To Thee all angels cry aloud, the Heavens and all the Pow'rs therein.
To Thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of Thy glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles praise Thee.
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise Thee.
The noble army of Martyrs praise Thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge Thee;
The Father of infinite Majesty;
Thine honourable, true, and only Son;
the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.
Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ,
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man,
Thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.
When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
thou didst open the Kingdom, the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the Glory of the Father.
We believe Thou shalt come to be our Judge.
We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants,
whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood.
Make them to be number'd with Thy Saints in glory everlasting.
O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine heritage.
Govern them and lift them up forever.
Day by day, we magnify Thee;
And we worship, we worship, we worship Thy Name,
ever world without end, ever world without end.
Vouch safe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let Thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in Thee.
O Lord, in Thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.

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Events and Announcements

Drumstick Dash Volunteers | Thu., Nov. 27 | 8:00 - 11:00 am

Every year, Northminster is a warming station and rest stop for Drumstick Dash. We're in need of volunteers to greet people, direct them to restrooms, and offer hot chocolate. Call or email the church office to volunteer.

Northminster Rainbow Dinner | Mon., Dec. 1 | 6:15 pm

LGBTQIA2S+ friends are gathering for dinner to wrap up the year. We'll be meeting at Culinary Dropout and discussing plans for fun and community in 2026. RSVP to Scott Cavins or Rebekah Ryan is encouraged, but not required.

Adult Ed: Christians You May Not Know | Wed., Dec. 3 | 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Member and expert, Don Knebel continues his series on "Christians You May Not Know". This week will focus on Latter Day Saints (Mormons). If you'd like to register for Wednesday dinners, scan the QR code!



Clothe-A-Child Donations

Clothe-a-Child is back, and the NPC Deacons would love your support! Please consider donating to this event using the QR code or by including a check in the designated envelopes located in the pews.



Sound & Spirit: Indy Winds Flute Choir | Fri., Dec. 5 | 7:00 - 8:00 pm

The Indy Winds Flute Choir presents classical, holiday-inspired arrangements by Bach, Tchaikovsky, and more, in a unique, candlelit setting! See additional dates and consider supporting S&S by visiting the QR code.



Mindfulness in Remembrance Grief Support | Sat., Dec. 6 | 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

The holiday season can be a tender time for those coping with loss. You are invited to a free, gentle, restorative open house designed to support healing, connection, and peace. Learn more and register by scanning the QR code.



Intergenerational Advent Event | Sun., Dec. 7 | 11:15 am - 1:30 pm

Celebrate the beginning of Advent! Join us in the Gathering Space after worship for cookie decorating, crafts for adults and children, or enjoy some hot chocolate as we begin this special season.

All-Church Bake Sale | Sun., Dec. 14 | 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Bring your favorite holiday breads, cookies, or other treats—packaged and ready to sell—to the Gathering Place before worship. After worship, take home anything you'd like for a free-will offering!

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Director of Music Ministries

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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

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