





NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Second Sunday in Advent | December 7, 2025, 10:00 am

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

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Prelude on VENI EMMANUEL" | Gerhard Krapf (1924-2008)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Observe this holy season with anticipation.

**As we wait,
Come, Lord Jesus.**

Observe this holy season with expectation.

**As we watch,
Come, Lord Jesus.**

Observe this holy season with eager hearts.

**As we worship,
Come, Lord Jesus.**

* HYMN NO. 88

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" | VENI EMMANUEL

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH: WE CONFESS AND ARE FORGIVEN

from Isaiah 11:6

Hear these words of the prophet Isaiah,

"... on that day,

the wolf shall live with the lamb,

the leopard shall lie down with the kid,

**the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them."**

We light this candle in peace,

the peace that Jesus, our Savior, gives to the world.

Prepare now the way of the Lord.

(The candle of Peace is lighted.)



88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 4 O come, thou Root of Jes - se, free thine own from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 all things might - i - ly: to us the path of knowl - edge
 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple



here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 show; and teach us in her ways to go. Re-joice! Re-joice!
 law in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 save and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

Holy God, we confess we've lost sight
of the things that make for peace.

We exude irritation
when we should
demonstrate compassion.

We focus on differences
when we should
seek unity.

We wrap ourselves in isolation
when we should
build welcome and inclusion.

Forgive us.
Open our hearts
to the Prince of Peace
who is already at work in our world.
Help us prepare the way of the Lord.

* **SILENT CONFESSION**

Siblings in Christ, there is good news.
The candle of Peace reminds us that
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

* **RESPONSE**

Hymn No. 106: "Prepare the Way, O Zion" (*stanza 2*)



He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.



His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Lift high your praise re-sound-ing, for grace and joy a - bound-ing.

Refrain



O blest is Christ who came in God's most ho - ly name.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

Preschoolers are dismissed to Church School

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON | PROPHETS

Isaiah 11: 1-10 | OT p. 640-641, Spark Bible p. 172

ANTHEM

"And the Glory of the Lord" | G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed
And all flesh shall see it together
for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

SECOND LESSON | GOSPEL

Luke 1: 46-55 | NT p. 57

SERMON

"Peace Begins with a 'Yes'" | Brian Shivers

ANTHEM

"As Dew in Aprille" | Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

I sing of a maiden that is makeles:
King of all kings to her son she ches.
He came al so stille there his moder was,
As dew in Aprille that falleth on the grass.
Moder and mayden was never none but she;
Well may such a lady Goddes moder be.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Savior of the Nations, Come" BWV 659 | J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

* DOXOLOGY

GLORIA

Praise to God, Creator, sing!
Praise to God the Son, we bring!
Praise to God the Spirit be
Ever and eternally.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

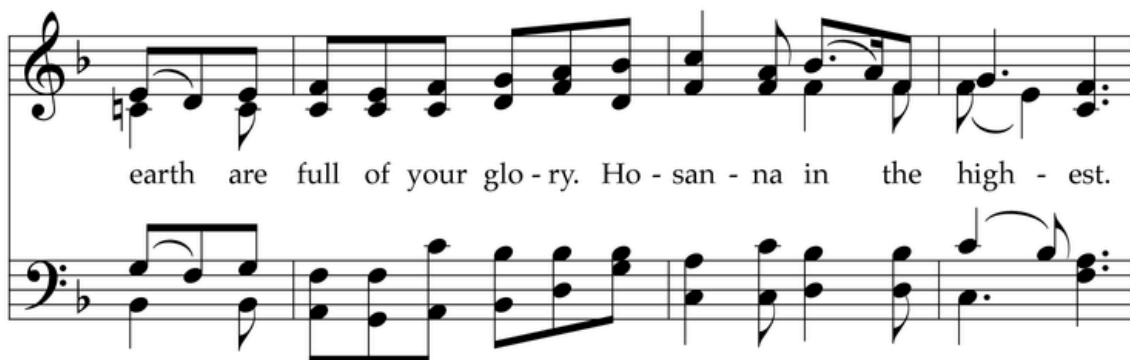
HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus (Harling)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and

The first system of musical notation for the hymn. It consists of a treble and a bass staff in 6/8 time, with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.



earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The second system of musical notation. It continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

The third system of musical notation. It continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

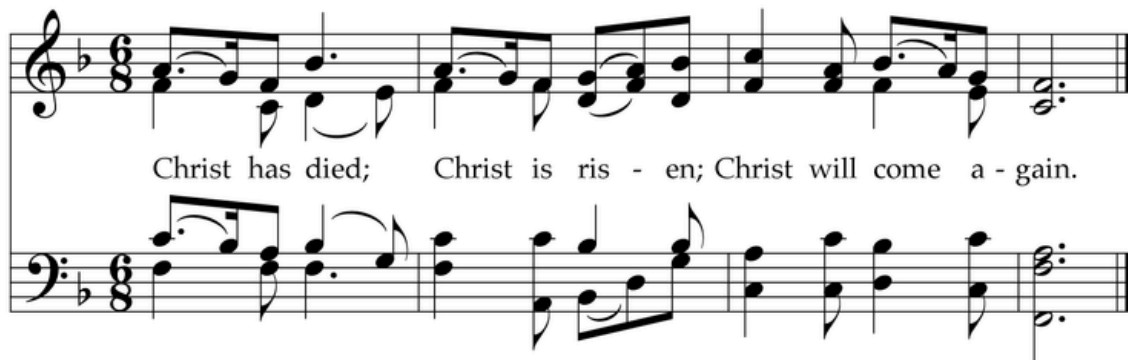


san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The fourth system of musical notation, which concludes the hymn. It continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

CHRIST HAS DIED; CHRIST IS RISEN

Memorial Acclamation (Harling)

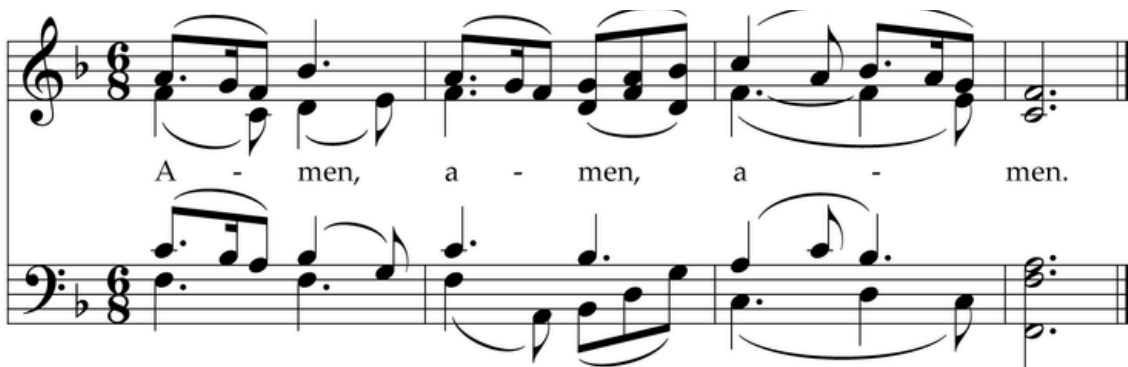


THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Amen (Harling)



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

All are welcome and all bread is gluten-free.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Hymn No. 103: "Come, Now, O Prince of Peace" | O-SO-SO

Hymn No. 92: "While We Are Waiting, Come" | WAITING

PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

Holy God,
for welcoming us to this table,
we are grateful.
For waiting with us
for the birth of our Savior,
we are thankful.
Send us out,
fed and nourished,
to work for peace
and justice in the world.
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. 94

"Now the Heavens Start to Whisper" | *JEFFERSON*

* BLESSING AND CHARGE

Go into the world to live this holy season.

We go, seeking God among us now.

We go, watching
for the living Christ in our midst.

**We go with eager hearts,
waiting for the miracle
of God's love to be born.**

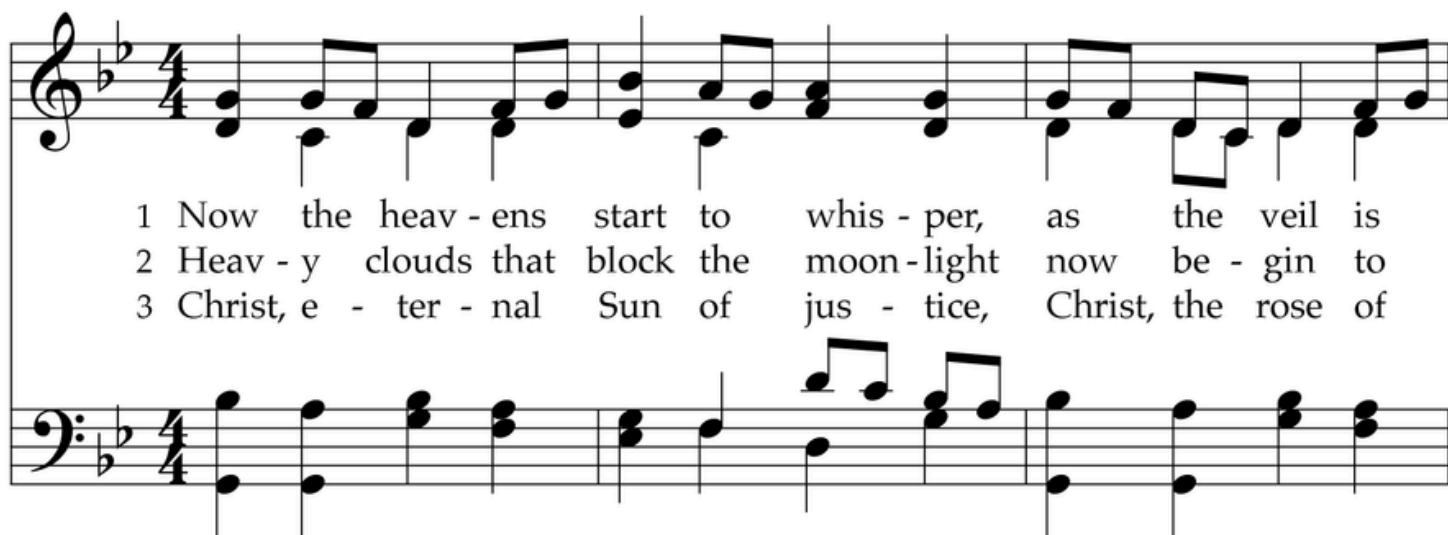
May the One
who waits and watches with us,

**fill us with
wonder, reverence, and awe.
Come, Lord Jesus!**

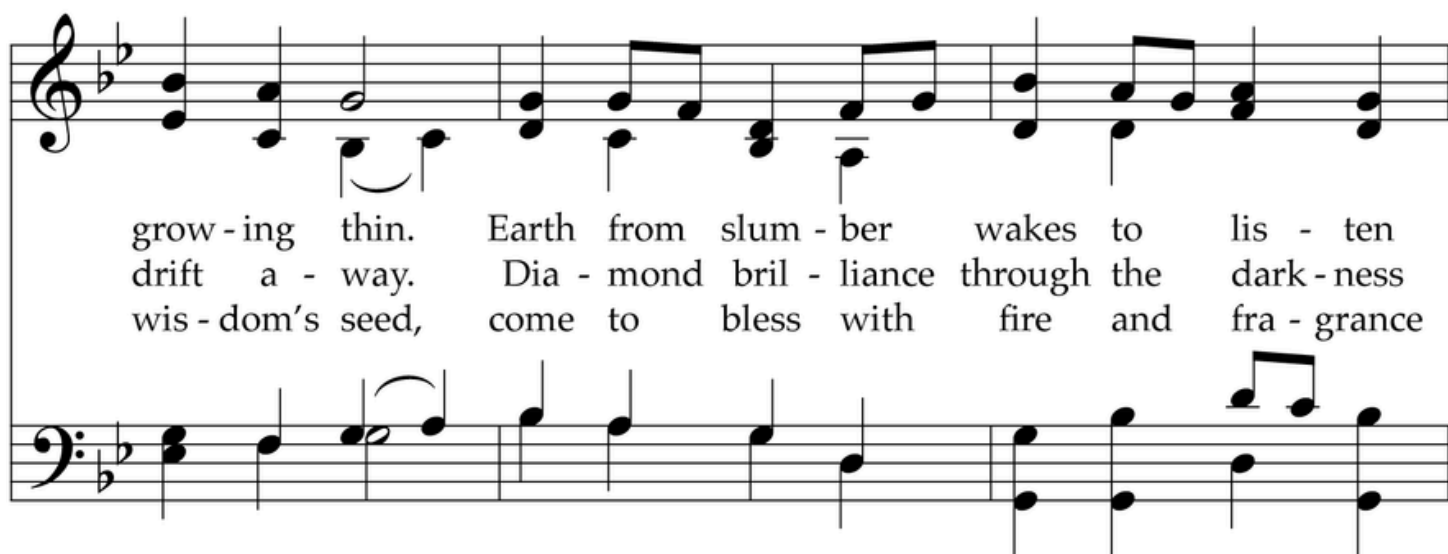
POSTLUDE

"Sonata in C Major" | *Domenico Scarlatti (1685-1757); Marko Petričić, Bayan*

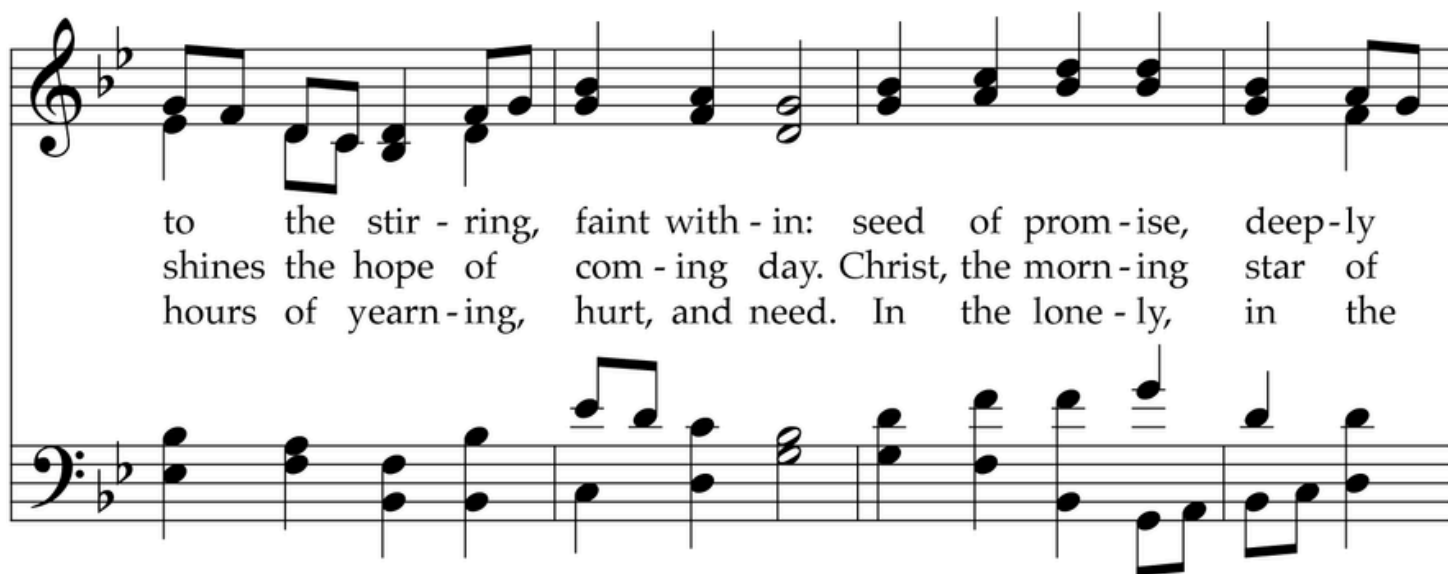
94 Now the Heavens Start to Whisper



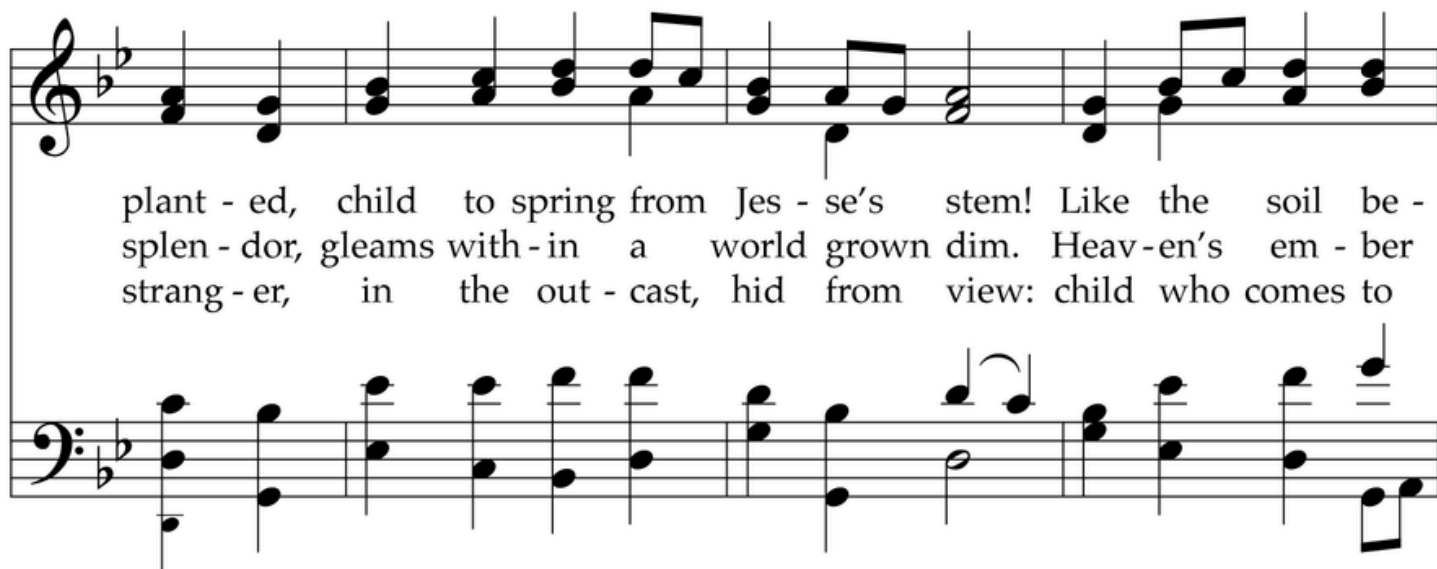
1 Now the heav - ens start to whis - per, as the veil is
2 Heav - y clouds that block the moon - light now be - gin to
3 Christ, e - ter - nal Sun of jus - tice, Christ, the rose of



grow - ing thin. Earth from slum - ber wakes to lis - ten
drift a - way. Dia - mond bril - liance through the dark - ness
wis - dom's seed, come to bless with fire and fra - grance



to the stir - ring, faint with - in: seed of prom - ise, deep - ly
shines the hope of com - ing day. Christ, the morn - ing star of
hours of yearn - ing, hurt, and need. In the lone - ly, in the



plant - ed, child to spring from Jes - se's stem! Like the soil be -
splen - dor, gleams with - in a world grown dim. Heav - en's em - ber
strang - er, in the out - cast, hid from view: child who comes to



neath the frost - line, hearts grow soft to wel - come him.
fans to full - ness; hearts grow warm to wel - come him.
grace the man - ger, teach our hearts to wel - come you.

This Advent text artfully interweaves what is hidden and what is revealed, primarily in the coming of the long-awaited Messiah. But Christ himself taught us about another hidden truth, his presence in the "least of these" (Matthew 25:40, 45), whom we are also called to welcome.

IN WORSHIP

The liturgy for the Advent season was written by Carol McDonald.

The Doxology text is from ironsermons.org and is sung to the tune of Hymn No. 113, "Angels We Have Heard on High."

George Frideric Handel's *The Messiah* is one of the most beloved, and performed, oratorios in the world. Written in 1741, it was first performed in Dublin on April 13, 1742. Today's anthem, "And the Glory of the Lord" is the opening chorus of this choral work.

The anthem which follows the sermon, "As Dew in Aprille" is from Benjamin Britten's *Ceremony of Carols* – an extended choral composition for Christmas. Written in 1942, while Britten was on a sea voyage from the United States to England, the work imagines a service of late medieval seasonal hymns, songs, and carols. On Sunday, December 21, the Chancel Choir will bless us with the entire composition.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*

Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*

Marko Petričić | *Organ*

Mika Asende, Assa Byaombe, and Chanciella Chipola | *Advent Candle Lighters*

Chancel Choir

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Events and Announcements

Intergenerational Advent Event | Today | 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.

Adult Ed: Christian You May Not Know | Wed., Dec. 10 | 6:00 pm

Join us for the final class led by member and expert Don Knebel as we dive into different denominations and their traditions and history. This week, "Visions of God," will discuss Latter Day Saints (Mormons).



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

Join us for the All-Church Bake Sale! Feel free to bring packaged holiday treats and then after worship all are welcome to browse and take some home. Proceeds from this free-will offering support our Congolese refugee family.

Comfort & Joy | Sun., Dec. 21 | 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Sponsored by Spiritual Wholeness and Wellness at Northminster, Comfort and Joy will include a sound bath with live music, a Longest Night self-guided liturgy, and a labyrinth walk. More information to come!

Christmas Eve Worship at Northminster | Wed., Dec. 24 | 4:00 pm & 6:30 pm

Join us at 4:00 pm for the Children's "Joyful Noise" worship service as we welcome the Christ Child. There are ways for all to participate! Then, join us at 6:30 for a choral prelude followed by our traditional Christmas Eve service.

December Mission Donation: Canned Fruit

For the month of November, the Mission Team is collecting canned fruit of any kind for our partner, Westminster Neighborhood Services. Please consider a donation in the yellow bin in The Gathering Place!

Clothe-A-Child Donations | Donate Now Through End of December

We are 60% of the way to our goal to raising \$11,000 to fund next year's Clothe-A-Child! Please consider donating to this event using the QR code or by including a check in the designated envelopes located in the pews.



Northminster Chapel Labyrinth | Now through Jan. 6

The Northminster Labyrinth is now open! The labyrinth is open on Sundays after worship, Wednesday evenings, and anytime the church office is open. Free resources are available in the Chapel as you walk the labyrinth.

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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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