



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Second Sunday of Christmas | January 4, 2026, 10:00 am

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

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"How Brightly Shines the Morning Star" | Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

The light of God fills all creation

inviting us to shine like the dawn.

The light of God fills every moment

inviting us to work

for the healing of the world.

The light of God fills this place

inviting us to unite our voices

with angels, shepherds, and magi

in praise, adoration, and thanksgiving.

Let us worship God.

* HYMN NO. 143

"Angels from the Realms of Glory" | REGENT SQUARE

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, wondrous star,

light no shadow can overcome,

forgive us for the times

we turn from your presence,

and resist the life you call us to live.

Refresh us and restore us.

Focus us on the light of Jesus

that we may see him more clearly

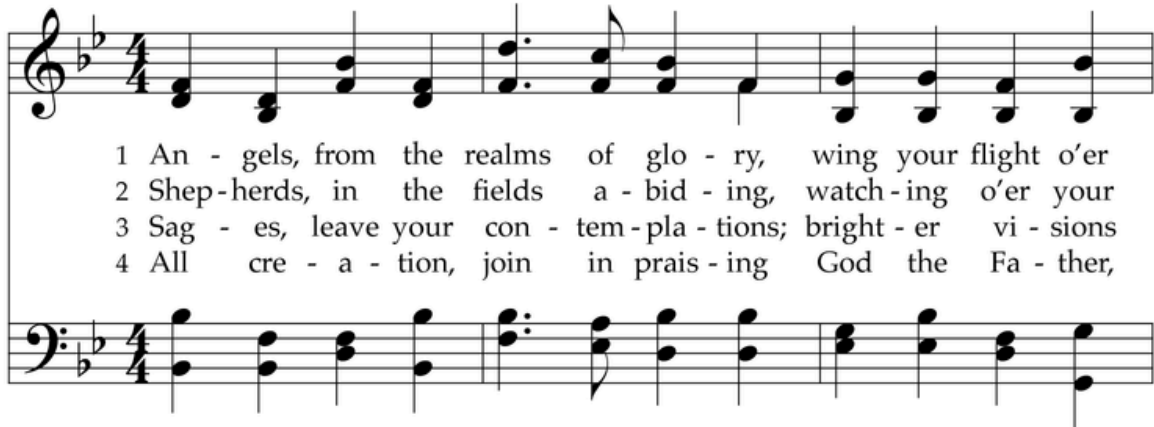
and follow him more nearly,

this day and every day.

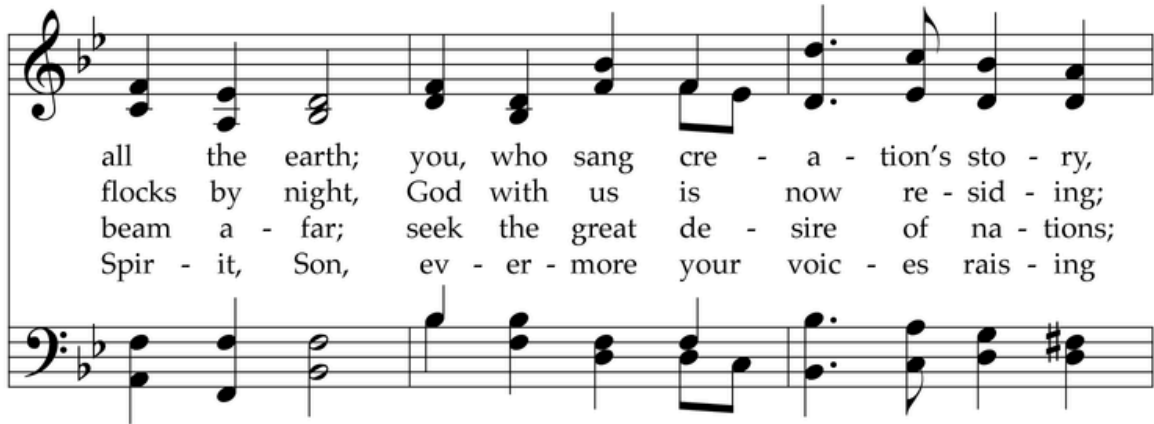
* SILENT CONFESSION



143 Angels, from the Realms of Glory



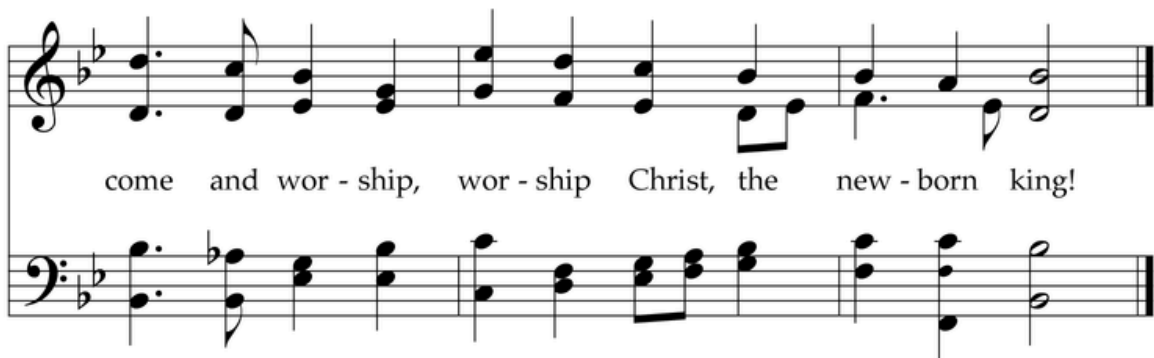
1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
3 Sag - es, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions
4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,



all the earth; you, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing;
beam a - far; seek the great de - sire of na - tions;
Spir - it, Son, ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing



now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
yon - der shines the in - fant light: come and wor - ship,
you have seen his na - tal star:
to the e - ter - nal Three in One:



come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king!

This familiar carol was first published as a poem in the Christmas Eve 1816 issue of a newspaper the author edited in Sheffield, England. The tune name celebrates the location of a prominent Presbyterian Church in London, sometimes called the "Presbyterian cathedral."

* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Grace, mercy, and love –
these are the gifts
God gives us in Jesus.

This is good news!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

* RESPONSE

Hymn No. 582: "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines On Me" | *GLORY TO GOD*

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 147: 12-20 | OT p. 582

SECOND LESSON | GOSPEL

John 1: 1-16 | NT p. 91-92, Spark Bible p. 240

SERMON

“And So It Begins” | Brian Shivers

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

* HYMN NO. 152

“What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright” | *PUER NOBIS NASCITUR*

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

“Noël Grand Jeu et Duo” | *Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772)*

* 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!

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN NO. 547

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing” | *AR HYD Y NOS*



What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright 152



1 What star is this, with beams so bright, more
 2 'Tis now full - filled what God de - creed, "From
 3 While out - ward signs the star dis - plays, an
 4 O Je - sus, while the star of grace im -



love - ly than the noon - day light? 'Tis
 Ja - cob shall a star pro - ceed;" and
 in - ward light the Lord con - veys and
 pels us on to seek your face, let



sent to an - nounce a new - born king, glad
 lo! the east - ern sa - ges stand to
 urg - es them, with ten - der might, to
 not our sloth - ful hearts re - fuse the



ti - dings of our God to bring.
 read in heaven the Lord's com - mand.
 seek the giv - er of the light.
 guid - ance of your light to use.

This 18th-century Latin text calls attention to three kinds of light: the light of the star leading the Magi to the Christ-child, the inward light inspiring their journey, and Christ who is the Light of the world. The simple unison melody unites everything in a gentle arc.

Go, My Children, with My Blessing 547

1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.
 2 "Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.

Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.

In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for-
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry; here you touched him, saw his
 Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you; here my ten-der com-fort

ev-er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."
 glo-ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure."
 stilled you. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy-ful and free."

Because this Welsh melody usually sets evening texts, the author was asked to create one for use in daytime. His recasting of the Aaronic blessing in Numbers 6:22–27 imagines that passage as a benediction that might be spoken by God at the conclusion of a worship service.

* BLESSING AND CHARGE

Go into the world, fed and nourished.
Grow in love for one another and the world.

**We go to love and serve
the One who created us,
the One who redeemed us,
and the One who sustains us.**

Let us go – knowing, in our very bones, that
**we are God's own
today, tomorrow, and always!
Alleluia! Amen!**

POSTLUDE

"In dulci jubilo, BWV 608" | *J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

IN WORSHIP

Today's liturgy was prepared by Carol McDonald – with thanks to the resources of Jan Richardson and Michelle L. Torrigian.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*
Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*
Marko Petričić | *Organ*

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Events and Announcements

"Faith in the Face of Fear" Statehouse Rally | Jan. 8 | 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Lift your voice and learn practical skills! This rally will start at the Indiana Statehouse at 10:00 am and conclude with informative workshops from 1:00 - 4:00 pm and the Downtown Hilton. Register for workshops today!



2026 Yoga Workshops | Jan. 9 | 12:15 - 2:15 pm

New year, new workshops! These two-hour intensives, on the second Friday of the month, will focus on a different subject each month. January's class is titled "Connecting to Your Purpose." Learn more and register today!



Ending Hunger 101: Change the Systems | Jan. 18 | 1:00 - 3:00 pm

You are invited to the Ending Hunger 101: Change the Systems discussion on January 18th at Second Presbyterian Church. Register by the 15th and learn how we can change the systemic issues that contribute to food insecurity,



iPad Donations for Homebound Members

Consider donating any unused (and working) iPads to our homebound members so they can watch the Sunday livestream with ease! Contact our office or Roz Lancaster to learn more about how you can donate.

Generosity at Northminster: Hidden Gems

The Generosity Team is excited to present "Hidden Gems", a monthly feature celebrating members who quietly demonstrate generosity through service, leadership, and compassion. Scan the code to learn more!



The Ecumenical Yogi with Krista Wright | New Episodes Monthly

Here is your opportunity to eavesdrop on some fascinating and informative conversations between Krista Wright, The Ecumenical Yogi, and a variety of guests. Check the Yoga and Wellness webpage monthly for the drop!



Northminster T-Shirt Sale

Northminster T-Shirts are now 50% off! Adult sizes small through XL are available in limited quantities, so order yours today for just \$7 and pick up at the church for free. All proceeds will go to support Clothe-A-Child for 2026!



ShelbyNext Photo Updates

Help us keep the Shelby Next directory up to date by uploading your photo! You can upload your photo from either the Web, the ShelbyNext app, or by emailing your photo to Roz Lancaster!

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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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