



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Baptism of the Lord & Ordination and Installation of Officers

January 11, 2026 | 10:00 am

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

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

“Festival Voluntary” | *Flor Peeters (1903-1986)*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

In the waters of baptism,
God marks us as kindred in his name.

In the waters of baptism,
the heavens open us and the Spirit pours our love.

In the waters of baptism,
God names us Beloved.

In the waters of baptism,
God claims us as her own.

* HYMN NO. 484

“Out of Deep, Unordered Water” | *RUSTINGTON*

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mighty and merciful God,
you claim us as beloved children and call us to follow you.
We confess that we have not lived up to our calling.
We have been timid and frightened disciples,
forgetful of your powerful presence
and the strength of your Spirit among us.
We pretend we can do nothing to further justice in
our world and shy away from taking risks for the sake
of the gospel.

Forgive us, Lord.
Wash us again in the waters of baptism
and transform us by your grace,
so that our words and deeds may be pleasing in your sight.
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who offers us new life.

* SILENT CONFESSION



484 Out of Deep, Unordered Water

1 Out of deep, un - or - dered wa - ter God cre -
 2 Wa - ter on the hu - man fore - head, birth - mark
 3 Stand - ing round the font re - minds us of the

at - ed light and land, world of bird and beast and,
 of the love of God, is the sign of death and
 He - brews' climb a - shore. Life is hal - lowed by the

lat - er, in God's im - age, wom - an, man.
 ris - ing; through the seas there runs a road.
 knowl - edge God has been this way be - fore.

There is wa - ter in the riv - er bring-ing life to tree and plant.

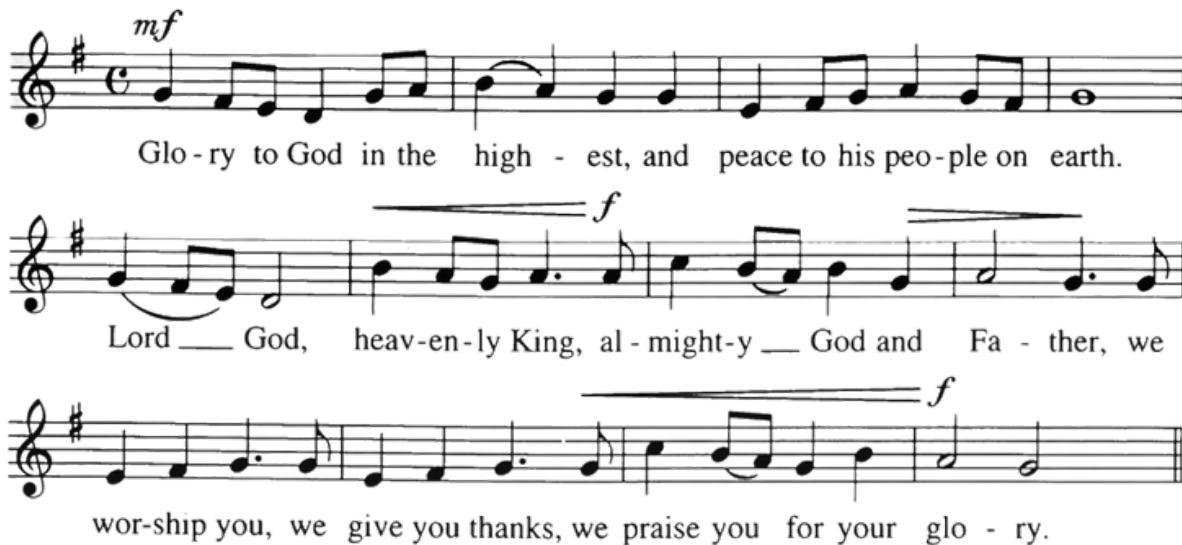
Let cre - a - tion praise its giv - er: there is wa - ter in the font.

* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Beloved, God forgives our sins. Know we are free.
**Let us now be at peace to love the Lord
and serve in the world.**

* RESPONSE

"Glory to God in the Highest" | Carroll Andrews



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo- ple on earth.

Lord ____ God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y ____ God and Fa - ther, we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

* 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

Isaiah 42: 1-9 | OT p. 670-671

PSALM 29

Hal Hopson (b. 1923)



Wor - ship the LORD in his ho - ly tem - ple.



SECOND LESSON | GOSPEL

Matthew 3: 13-17 | NT p. 3, Spark Bible p. 242

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

REGENT SQUARE

The musical score consists of five staves of music for two voices (Soprano and Bass) in common time, with a key signature of one flat. The music is arranged in five lines, each containing lyrics. The first line starts with a half note in the soprano part, followed by quarter notes in both parts. The second line begins with a half note in the bass part. The third line starts with a half note in the soprano part. The fourth line begins with a half note in the bass part. The fifth line starts with a half note in the soprano part.

Je - sus, bap - tized in the Jor - dan,
by God's Spir - it you were blest; may we, bathed in
wa - ters ho - ly, feel God's fa - vor
on us rest. May we, Christ, like
you be - lov - ed, in God's fa - vor ev - er rest.

SERMON

“No One Comes to the Water Alone” | Brian Shivers



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

"When Jesus Came to Jordan" | *Fritz Mehrtens (1922-1975)*

When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John,
He did not come for pardon, but as his Father's Son.

Refrain: Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.
This is God's Chosen One.

He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins,
To speak the vital sentence with which good news begins. (*Refrain*)

He came to share temptation, our utmost woe and loss;
For us and our salvation to die upon the cross. (*Refrain*)

So when the Dove descended on him, the Son of Man,
The hidden years had ended, the age of grace began. (*Refrain*)

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Do we, the members of the church accept these Deacons and Ruling Elders as chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

* HYMN NO. 726

"Will You Come and Follow Me" | *KELVINGROVE*

(Please sing stanzas 1 and 5)

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.



726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons



- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
- 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
- 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot - steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Christ, Our Lord, To Jordan Came, BWV 684” | J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

* DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN NO. 156

“Sing of God Made Manifest” | SALZBURG

* BLESSING AND CHARGE

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Alleluia!

Go out into the world in peace, have courage,
hold onto what is good.

**Let us return no one evil for evil,
strengthen the fainthearted,
support the weak, and help the suffering.
Let us honor all people, love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

“Shall We Gather at the River” | HANSON

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain: Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. (*Refrain*)



Sing of God Made Manifest 156



1 Sing of God made man - i-fest in a child ro - bust and blest,
 2 Sing of God made man - i-fest when at Jor - dan John con-fessed,
 3 Sing of God made man - i-fest when Christ came as wed - ding guest
 4 Sing of God made man - i-fest on the cloud-capped moun-tain's crest,



to whose home in Beth - le - hem where a star had guid-ed them,
 "I should be bap - tized by you, but your bid - ding I will do."
 and at Ca - na gave a sign, turn - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 where the law and proph - ets waned so that Christ a - lone re-mained:



ma - gi came and gifts un-bound, signs mys - te - rious and pro-found:
 Then from heaven a dou - ble sign—dove-like Spir - it, voice di - vine—
 fur - ther still was love re-vealed as he taught, for-gave, and healed,
 glimpse of glo - ry, pledge of grace, given as Je - sus set his face



myrrh and frank - in - cense and gold grave and God and king fore - told.
 hailed the true A - noint - ed One: "This is my be - lov - ed Son."
 bring - ing light and life to all who would lis - ten to God's call.
 towards the wait - ing cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.



"Epiphany" means "manifestation" or "showing forth," and this text cites key disclosures of Jesus as Messiah: the coming of the Magi, his baptism by John the Baptist, the wedding at Cana. All are summed up in the Transfiguration, recalled on the Last Sunday after the Epiphany.

OFFICERS BEING ORDAINED AND/OR INSTALLED

Elders

Monica Brase
Eva Ellington
Todd Ellington
Don Knebel
MaryAnn Ruegger
Bo Walker

Deacons

Carol Euliss
Bryan Fisher
Jameson Hittle
Kairi Kanda
Mason King
Dotsie Longworth
Jacob Mann

Patti Martin
Rosalee Mulligan
Karalea Mulvey
Gail Rothrock
Sara Sarno
Mary Smith
Diane Thompson

IN WORSHIP

Today's Psalm, Psalm 29, speaks almost exclusively about the mighty acts of God in nature. It begins with a call to give God glory ("Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength"). After this introduction, we sense God's power in the awesome sights, sounds and force of a thunderstorm ("The God of glory thunders" and "the voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees"). Such displays of divine might may cause Baal worshippers to tremble, but true believers praise their God exuberantly, knowing the Lord of the thunderstorm gives strength to his people and blesses them with peace: "The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace."

Following today's Gospel lesson (Matthew 3: 13 - 17), we sing a Gospel Acclamation. This is a liturgical act in which we acclaim the One who comes to us via the reading of the Gospel, and we respond to his words of grace and peace. The Gospel Acclamation is a weekly practice (and typically includes the congregation standing for the song and the preceding Gospel reading) in many denominations (i.e. Orthodox, Lutheran, and Catholic).

Hymn No. 156 "Sing of God Made Manifest," explores a series of important occasions when Jesus was revealed to the world as God's Anointed One. The subject of the first stanza is the Magi or Wise Men, which has traditionally been treated as the essential manifestation of the Messiah/Christ to the Gentiles. The second stanza focuses on Christ's baptism by John the Baptist (today's Gospel lesson). The third stanza deals with Christ's first miracle - the changing of water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana. The fourth stanza centers on the Transfiguration, and it shares with the baptism of Christ the distinction of being an occasion when he is blessed with divine approval. The hymn's text was written by Louisville, Kentucky native and Episcopal priest Carl Daw (born 1944).

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*

Karen Herbst-Kim | Pastor

Marko Petričić | Organ

John Wright | Cantor

Jonathan Shinn | Cantor

Chancel Choir

Krista Wright | Flute

Events and Announcements

Wednesday Night Adult Ed | Jan. 14 | 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Wednesday Nights are back at Northminster and you're invited as we begin a series with Pastors Brian and Karen! Join us for a Bible Study led by Pastor Karen on Jeremiah 29:1-14 to explore the impact of loss or crisis on our faith.



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 just \$7! Adult sizes small through large are available in limited quantities, so order yours today 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!

January Mission Donations: Canned Meat

Throughout January, the Mission Team is collecting canned/packaged meats (chicken, tuna, etc.) for our partner, Westminster Neighborhood Services. Drop items off at the Yellow Bin in the Gathering Place!

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Brian Shivers Pastor/Head of Staff	Karen Herbst-Kim Associate Pastor	John Wright Director of Music Ministries	Carol McDonald Parish Associate
Marko Petričić Music Associate/Organist	Cheryl Plunkett Office Administrator	Melissa Hopkins Director of Children's Ministry	Timothy Foster Director of Communications
Denise Harrington Director of Senior Ministries	Emma Moore Operations Administrator & Youth Ministry Coordinator	Krista Wright Spiritual Wholeness and Wellness Coordinator	Elisabeth Kleinsmith Family Engagement Coordinator
Ynfinity Taylor Bookkeeper	Steve Williams Finance Administrator	Shiloh O'Rourke Director of Preschool	Tim McElroy Lead Custodian
Jonathan McGee Custodian	Valerie Boak 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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