



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Second Sunday After Epiphany | January 18, 2026 | 10:00 am

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

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Variations on NETTLETON" | Undine Smith Moore (1904-1989)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Behold, let us greet the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

We welcome the Anointed One, who makes us whole.

Let us greet God's Chosen One, who calls each of us by name.

We greet the Messiah, who summons to follow.

Come and see – the Lord is here.

Our hearts are made glad by God's grace!

Praise the Lord!

* HYMN NO. 339

"Lift Every Voice and Sing" | LIFT EVERY VOICE

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Baptizing God, by water and the Spirit
you anoint disciples and witnesses, prophets, and teachers,
to make your reign known throughout the earth.

But we deny your claim on our lives,
and pretend we have no part in proclaiming the good news.
You call us to testify to your grace,
but we often fall silent.

You call us to declare your truth,
but we often shrink from speaking out.
You call us to point others to Christ,
but we often fade into the crowd
in the hopes others will take the lead.

Forgive us Lord.

Send your Spirit upon us, and reclaim us for your work
so that our words and deeds might glorify you.



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Lift Every Voice and Sing

1 Lift ev - ery voice and sing till earth and heav - en
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

ring, ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
 rod, felt in the days when hope un - born had
 tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the

ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening
 died. Yet, with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry
 way; thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the

skies; let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 feet come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
 light, keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought
we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh -
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get

us. Fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -
tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at
thee; shad - owed be - neath thy hand may we for - ev - er

gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.
last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Initially a poem for a school assembly at which Booker T. Washington spoke on Lincoln's birthday in 1900, this text and tune have gained national recognition and devotion, not only within the African American community, but also among all who seek liberation from oppression.

* **SILENT CONFESSION**

* **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, here are words we may trust,
words that merit full acceptance:
Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
Jesus says, "Your sins are forgiven. Follow me."

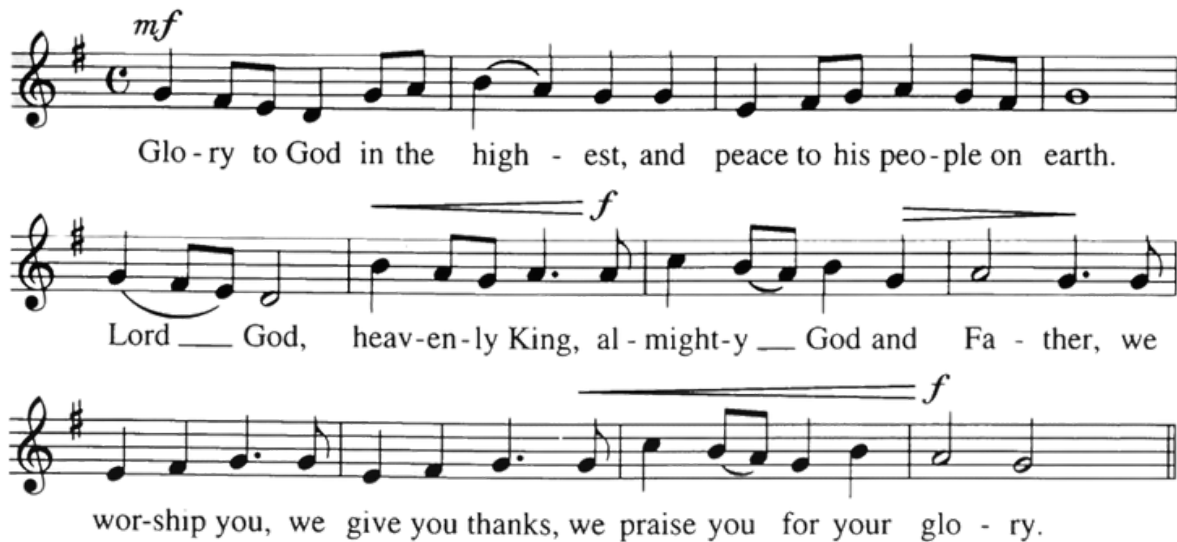
We are called to confess our sins and resolve to lead a new life.

He also says, "Come and see."

We are forgiven and freed to try again.

* **RESPONSE**

"Glory to God in the Highest" | *Carroll Andrews*



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

"Beyond the Beauty and the Awe" | *Carl Daw, Jr. (b. 1944)*

Beyond the beauty and the awe, beyond the fear and dread,
we long, O God, to hear your word, to taste your transformed bread.

Oh, teach us how to hear your voice despite the traffic's din,
to keep the blasts of rancor out and let your Spirit in.

FIRST LESSON | PROPHETS

Isaiah 49: 1-7 | *OT p. 679*

SECOND LESSON | GOSPEL

John 1: 29-42 | *NT p. 92, Spark Bible p. 246*

SERMON

"Do You Really Want to Know?" | *Brian Shivers*



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe

- that God has revealed God's self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;
- that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged;
- that God calls the church to follow God in this;
- that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need;
- that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream;
- that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

Therefore, we reject any ideology which would legitimate forms of injustice and any doctrine which is unwilling to resist such an ideology in the name of the gospel.

(from Confession of Belhar, PC(USA) Book of Confessions)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Let us Break Bread Together" | African-American spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan (1957-2003)

* 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!

INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

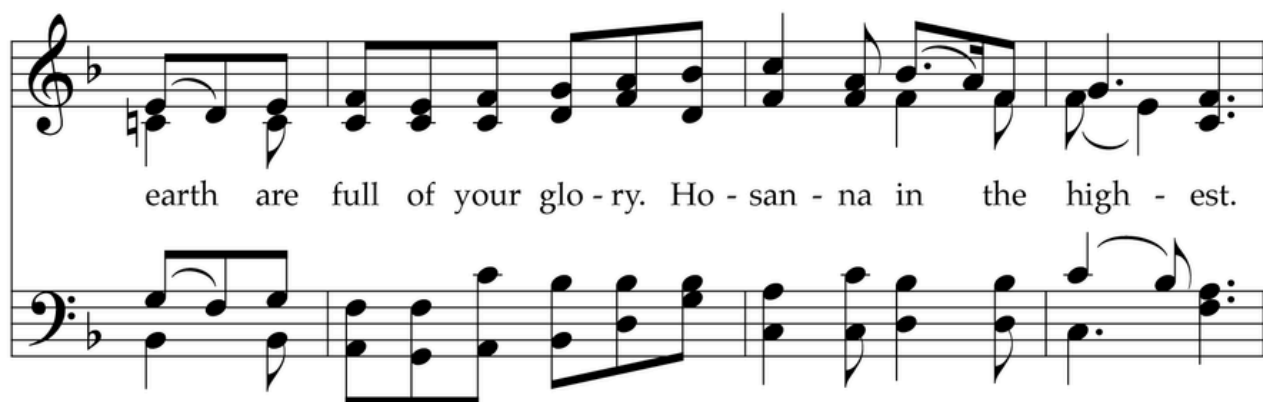


HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus (Harling)



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



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



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



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

CHRIST HAS DIED; CHRIST IS RISEN
MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (Harling)

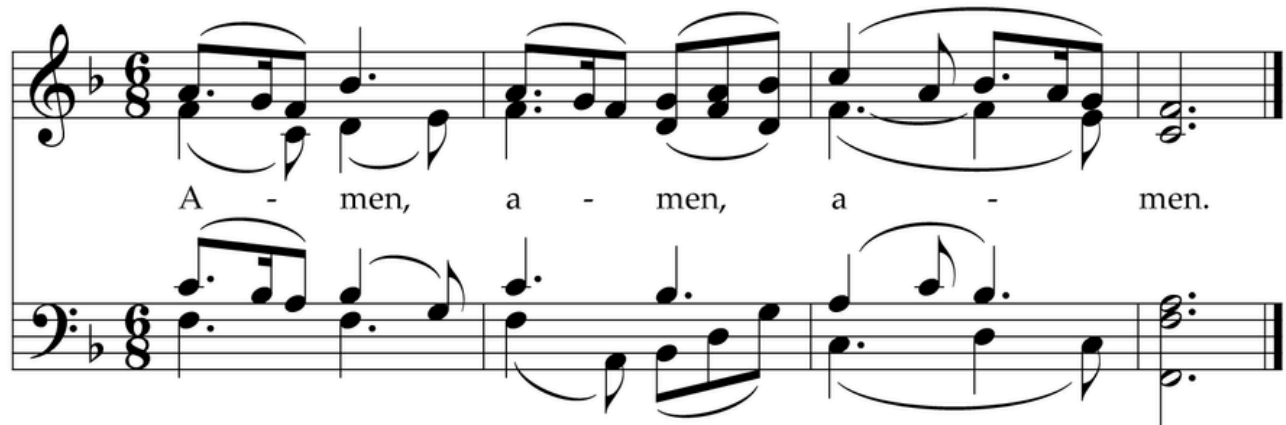


THE LORD'S PRAYER

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)



SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

All are welcome and all bread is gluten-free.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

"Do Not Be Afraid" | Isaiah 43

Look up, a new thing I am doing;
it springs forth; look and see it grow.
Through wilderness I'll make a level highway;
through deserts, make streams and rivers flow.

(Refrain)

I am God, who blots out your transgressions;
for my own sake I do not chide or blame.
Only this much I ask, that you love me
and seek me and honor my name.

(Refrain)

The Lord, the Holy One of Israel
has promised to lead us on our way,
and we who love and worship God our Maker
will listen to hear the Spirit say:

(Refrain)

Refrain

All



Do not be a - fraid, for I am with you. Cho-sen and be -
loved, you are my own. Do not be a - fraid, for I have re -
deemed you: by your name I called you for my own. *Last time*

The image shows three staves of musical notation in treble clef, key of D major (three sharps), and 2/2 time. The first staff begins with the word 'All' and contains the melody for 'Do not be a - fraid, for I am with you. Cho-sen and be -'. The second staff continues with 'loved, you are my own. Do not be a - fraid, for I have re -'. The third staff concludes with 'deemed you: by your name I called you for my own.' and is marked 'Last time' with a fermata over the final note. The lyrics are written below the notes.

PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

We sing a new song to you, Lord.
Through this bread and wine we receive your joy.
All of creation praises you,
joining with glad voices
to share the good news of Christ's saving birth.
We give thanks for the gifts of this table.
Lead us forth by your light
to share the gifts of your grace
with all people everywhere,
giving glory, honor, and praise
to Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

* 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

* HYMN NO. 299

"You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim" | HANOVER

* BLESSING AND CHARGE

God sends us out, so that grace will not be rare in our time.

Here we are, ready to go and share love and mercy with those around us.

Jesus calls us to go out, so that justice will not be rare in our time.

**Here we are, ready to speak truth to power,
walking with those on oppression's mean streets.**

The Spirit fills us with compassion, so that peace will not be rare in our time.

**Here we are, offering hope to those living in fear,
working for reconciliation in brokenness.**

CHORAL RESPONSE

"Ain' - a That Good News" | African-American spiritual, arr. William Dawson (1899-1990)



299 You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

1 You ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,
 2 As - cend - ed on high, al - might - y to save,
 3 "Sal - va - tion to God, who sits on the throne!"
 4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right:

and pub - lish a - broad Christ's won - der - ful name.
 he still re - mains nigh; his pres - ence we have.
 Let all cry a - loud and hon - or the Son.
 all glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

The name all vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol,
 The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,
 The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,
 all hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,

whose king - dom is glo - rious, who rules o - ver all.
 as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.
 fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.
 and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fi - nite love!

This hymn resembles many 18th-century drawings that show parallels between worship on earth and worship in heaven, especially as described in Revelation 7:9–11. This 18th-century tune has had many names; the one used here honors the dynasty of British monarchs, 1714–1901.

IN WORSHIP

Much of our music and liturgy for this service of worship is shaped in part for the celebration of the life, work, witness, and teachings of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Today's first hymn, No. 339 "Lift Every Voice and Sing," is known as the Black National Anthem and is the official song of the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People). The hymn was written in 1900 by Florida-born brothers James Weldon and J. Rosamond Johnson. It began as a poem James wrote in honor of Booker T.

Washington. He asked his brother Weldon to write the music, and it was first heard in the school where James served as principal when 500 children sang it to celebrate Abraham Lincoln's birthday. At the turn of the 20th century, Johnson's lyrics eloquently captured the solemn yet hopeful appeal for the liberty of black Americans. Set against the religious invocation of God and the promise of freedom, the song was later adopted by the NAACP and prominently used as a rallying cry during the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s. Through the years, this song has become an anthem of justice and has strengthened communities in prayer and protest, pain, and uplift.

Today's Affirmation of Faith comes from the Confession of Belhar, which has its roots in the struggle against apartheid in South Africa, yet makes no mention of apartheid. It addresses three key issues of concern to all Christian churches: the unity of the church and unity among all people, reconciliation within church and society, and God's justice. The confession was adopted by the Dutch Reformed Mission Church in 1986, the Christian Reformed Church in 2012 and the Presbyterian Church USA in 2016.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*

Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*

Marko Petričić | *Organ*

Chancel Choir

Elisabeth Kleinsmith | *Soprano*

Katie Ray | *Soprano*

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Events and Announcements

Save the Date: Annual Meeting | Feb. 1 | 11:15 am

The Annual Meeting is coming up on Sunday, February 1st following worship. Members are invited to stay to review the 2025 Annual Report and discuss the health of the church.

January Mission Team Donations

The Mission Team is collecting canned meats (tuna, chicken, etc.) for our mission partner, Westminster Neighborhood Services. Consider a donation to the yellow bin in The Gathering Place today!

Giving Envelopes Available

2026 giving envelopes are now available on the ramp! Pick yours up today following worship or stop by the church during regular building hours. You can also make your pledge for 2026 by scanning the QR code.



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 during regular hours. 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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Custodian

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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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