



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost | October 19, 2025, 10:00 am

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

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Grand Choeur" | Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

Holy One, we praise you this day

with our voices, our hearts,

our minds, and our spirits.

Let us worship God together.

* HYMN NO. 53

"O God, Who Gives Us Life" | NOEL

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, for our failure
to love others as you have loved us,
forgive us.

For wasting your gifts
and hoarding our goods,
forgive us.

For losing heart
and abandoning hope,
forgive us.

For all the ways we turn from you,
forgive us ...

* SILENT CONFESSION

* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Grace flows like a river;
mercy like a never-ending stream.

Hear and believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen!



* RESPONSE

Hymn No. 582: "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"



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

ANTHEM

"Glorify the Lord" | *Stephen Elkins*

Glorify, glorify the Lord with me.
Let us exalt his name together.
Let us exalt his name forever.
O glorify, glorify the Lord with me.
Glorify the Lord our Lord.

In everything you say, glorify the Lord.
Every night and day glorify the Lord.
In all that you do, let his glory shine through.
Oh glorify the Lord with me.

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

"Lift Thine Eyes" (from *Elijah*) | *Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)*

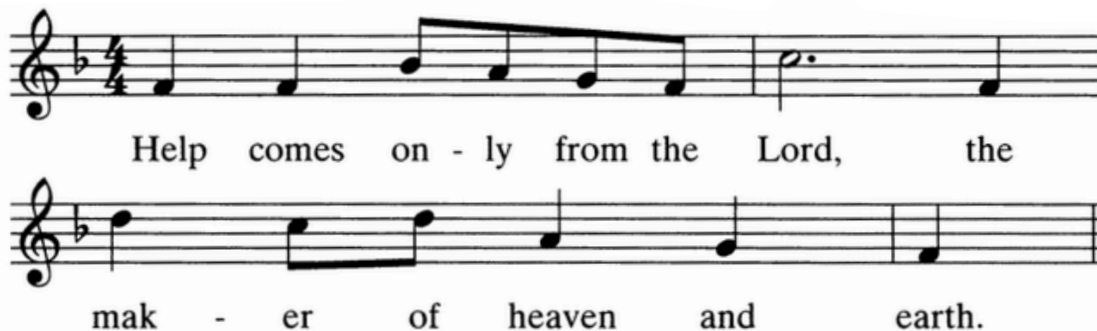
Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes
to the mountains whence cometh help.
Thy help cometh from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.
He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved.
Thy keeper will never slumber,
will never, will never slumber.
Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes
to the mountains whence cometh help.

FIRST LESSON | PROPHETS

Jeremiah 31: 27-34 | *OT p. 735*

SECOND LESSON | PSALMS

Psalm 121



THIRD LESSON | GOSPEL

Luke 18: 1-8 | *NT p. 81*

SERMON

"Persistence" | *Brian Shivers*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN NO. 175

"Seek Ye First" | *LAFFERTY*

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

“He, Watching Over Israel” (from *Elijah*) | *Felix Mendelssohn*

He, watching over Israel,
slumbers not nor sleeps.
Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish,
He will quicken thee.
He, watching over Israel,
slumbers not nor sleeps.

* 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. 833

“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go” | *ST. MARGARET*

* BLESSING AND CHARGE

God's steadfast covenant writes it:

the law of love in our hearts.

Christ's concern for the least demands it:

the cry of justice on our lips.

The Spirit's encouragement breathes it:

The living word within us.

And remember ...

**God will guard our going out and our coming in
from this time on and forevermore.**

POSTLUDE

“II. Andante Tranquillo” (from *Sonata No. 3, Op. 65*) | *Felix Mendelssohn*

IN WORSHIP

Today's liturgy is adapted from *Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year C, Volume 2*.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Brian Shivers <i>Pastor</i>	Peace Choir <i>Katie Ray, Director</i>
Marko Petričić <i>Organ</i>	Chancel Choir
Karen Herbst-Kim <i>Pastor</i>	Katie Ray <i>Cantor</i>

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