



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost | October 11, 2026 | 10:00 am

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

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Toccata on 'How Firm a Foundation'" | FOUNDATION, arr. Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

* OPENING SENTENCES

Rejoice in the Lord always!

All thanks and praise to God!

Do not worry about anything.

We trust in God who provides for us.

Let the peace of God settle among you.

We will share God's peace with all.

* HYMN NO. 804

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!" | MARION

* CALL TO CONFESSION

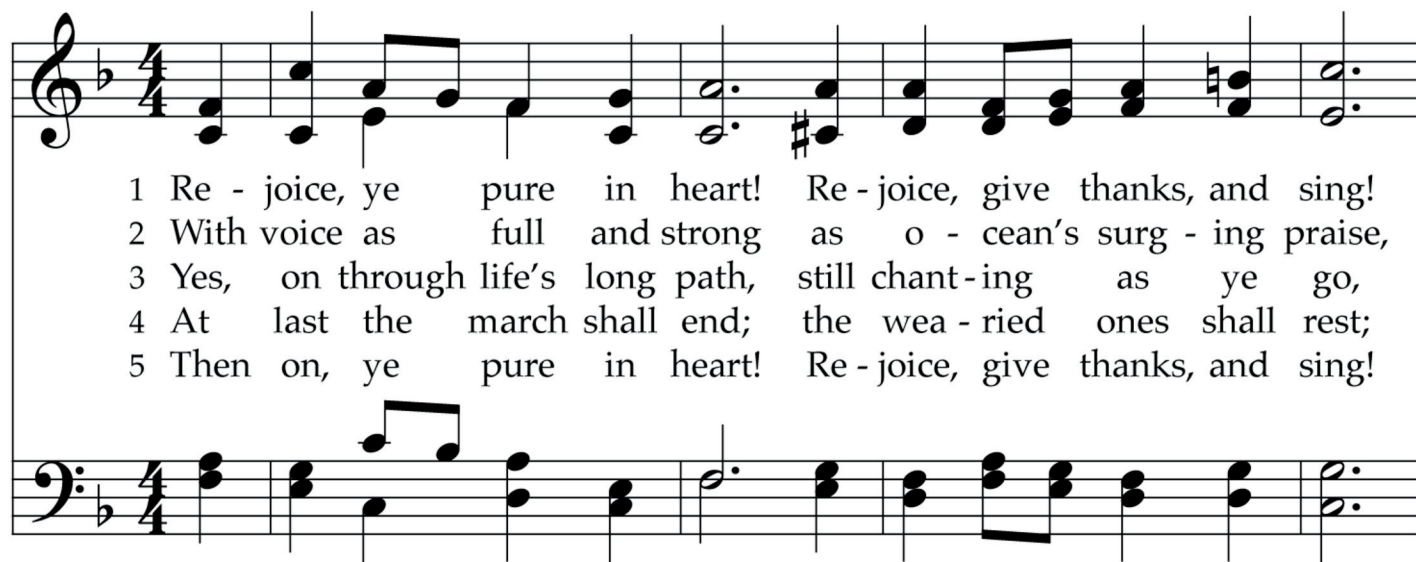
* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

True God from True God,
we have not built a golden calf,
but we have worshiped idols.
We have put our trust in what we build with our own hands.
We find security in what we can hoard
instead of trusting your provision.
We listen to lies that spread hatred and division
instead of radical truth of your word.
Forgive us.
Melt down our idols until we see only you
and fix our sight on your way alone.

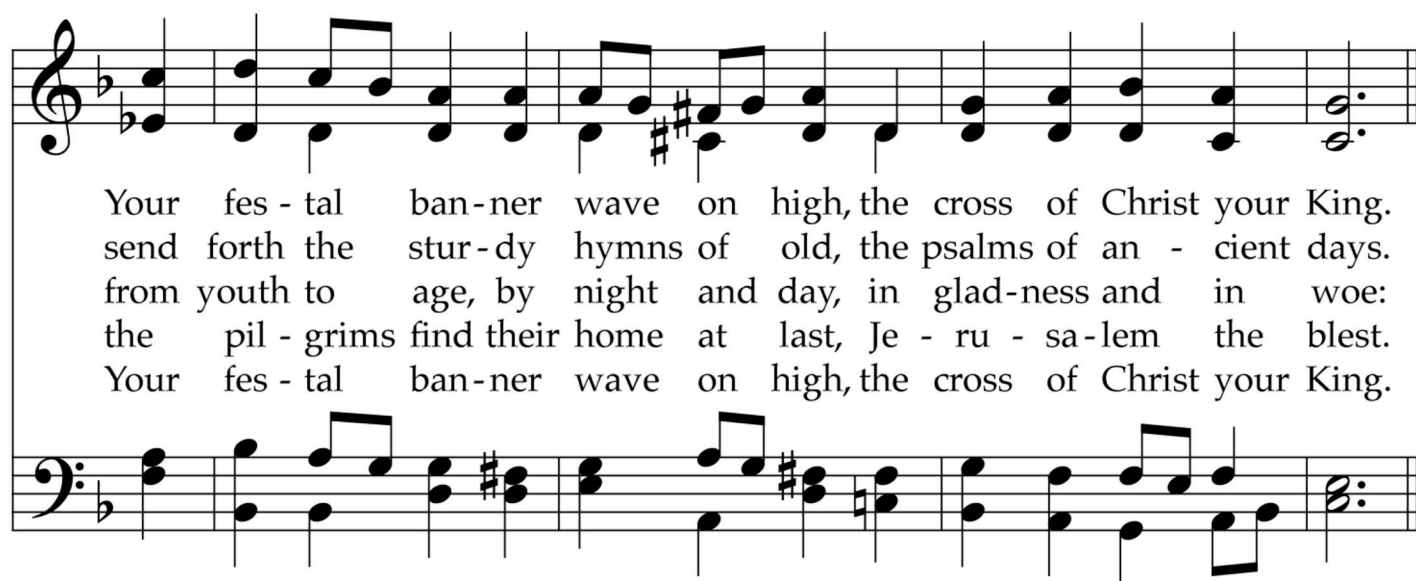
* SILENT CONFESSION



804 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!



1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
3 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go,
4 At last the march shall end; the wea - ried ones shall rest;
5 Then on, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!



Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe:
the pil - grims find their home at last, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.
Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
Re - joice! Re - joice!

* WORD OF GRACE

Friends, God shows us a different way -

a way of truth, honor, justice, purity, and excellence.

This path is open to all of us when we reach out
and accept God's forgiveness.

Thanks be to God!

**We will live as God's people,
forgiven and freed.**

* RESPONSE

"The Steadfast Love of the Lord" | *Edith McNeil*



* 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

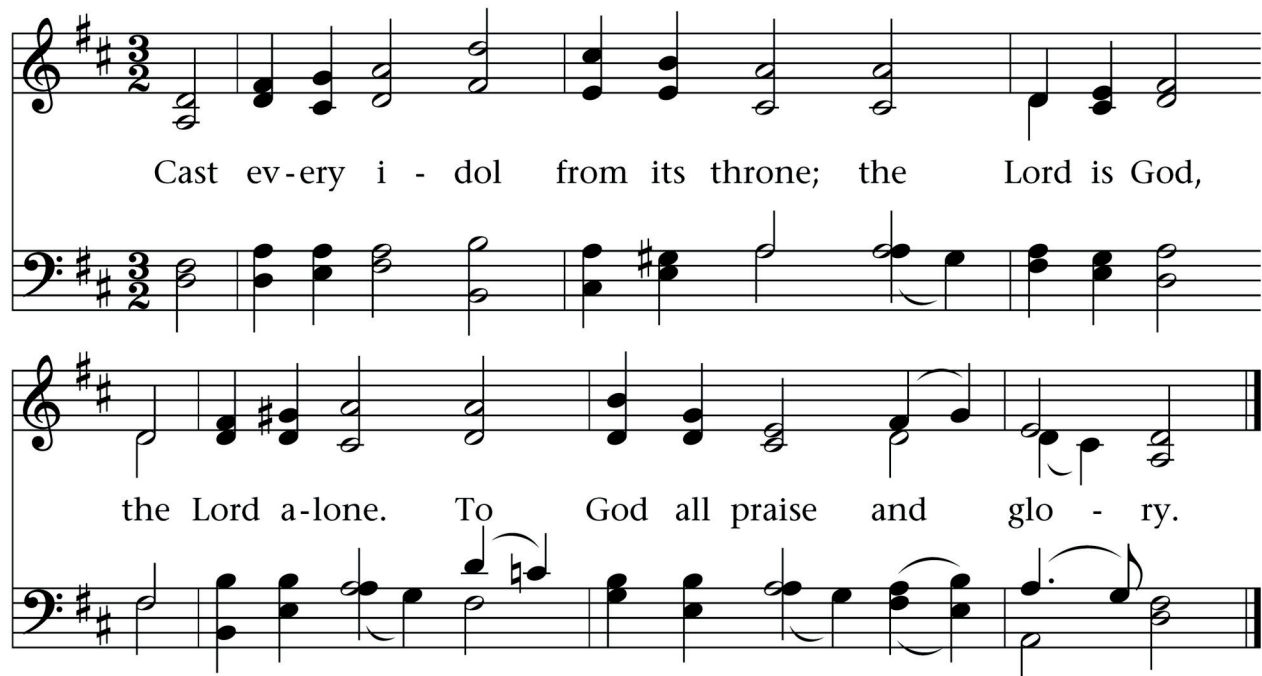
FIRST LESSON | EPISTLE

Philippians 4:1-9 | NT p. 198-199



SECOND LESSON | PSALM

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23



Cast ev-ery i - dol from its throne; the Lord is God,
the Lord a-lone. To God all praise and glo - ry.

THIRD LESSON | TORAH

Exodus 32:1-14 | OT p. 78

SERMON

"Changing Our Minds About God" | *Brian Shivers*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN NO. 288

"Spirit of the Living God" | *LIVING GOD*

INVITATION TO PRAYER

"Miserere Mei" | *Pierre de la Rue (c. 1452-1518)*

Miserere mei Domine,
quoniam, clamavi, tota dide,
laetifica animam, servi tui,
quoniam sua vis et mimitis es.

*Have mercy on me, O Lord,
for I have cried out to you all day long;
gladden the soul of your servant
for you are good and merciful.*

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.



Spirit of the Living God

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Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

The first system of music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody in the treble clef consists of eighth and quarter notes, while the bass line features a steady eighth-note accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me."

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me."

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

The third system features a change in the melody, with the treble clef part moving to a higher register and including a melisma. The lyrics are: "Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me."

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

The fourth system returns to the original melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me."

OFFERING

(Please sign the pew pad and pass it to your neighbor)

OFFERTORY

"Lift Your Voice in Praise and Thanksgiving" | *G.F. Handel (1685-1759)*

Lift your voice in praise and thanksgiving
and join the throng keeping holy day, on this holy day.

* 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 RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN (*Next Page*)

"How Firm a Foundation" | *FOUNDATION, arr. Tom Trenney*

* BLESSING AND CHARGE

The blessing of God be with you,
the love of Jesus fill you,
and the power of the Holy Spirit sustain you
now and forevermore.

Let us
go in peace,
practice forgiveness,
live the gospel,
in the name of Jesus, our Lord.
Amen.

POSTLUDE

"God Be in My Head" | *John Wright*

God be in my head and in my understanding;
God be in my eyes and in my looking;
God be in my mouth and in my speaking;
God be in my heart and in my thinking;
God be at my end and at my departing.

Sarum Primer, 1514

How Firm a Foundation



All: 1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye
 Higher Voices: 2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O
 Lower Voices: 3. "When through the deep wa - ters I
 Choir: 4. "When through fi - ery tri - als thy
 All: 5. "The soul that on Je - sus hath



saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith
 be not dis - mayed, for I am thy God,
 call thee to go, the riv - ers of sor -
 path - way shall lie, my grace, all suf - fi -
 leaned for re - pose, I will not, I will



in God's ex - cel - lent Word! What more can be
 and will still give thee aid; I'll strength - en thee,
 row shall not o - ver - flow; for I will be
 cient, shall be thy sup - ply; the flame shall not
 not de - sert to its foes; that soul, though all



said than to you God hath said, to
 help thee, and cause thee to stand, up -
 near thee, thy trou - bles to bless, and
 hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign thy
 hell should en - deav - or to shake, I'll



you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

IN WORSHIP

In today's service, we engage with one of the great enduring hymns of the church, "How Firm a Foundation." First, Dr. Petričić plays the Prelude, "Toccata on How Firm a Foundation." A toccata ("touched") is a composition, usually for keyboard, characterized by full chords and rapid runs, displaying virtuosity by the player. Arranger Craig Phillips (born 1961) currently serves as Associate Director of Music and Composer-in-Residence at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Beverly Hills, California. He is one of today's leading American organ composers. Near the end of the service, we sing the hymn in an arrangement by composer, conductor, and organist Tom Trenney (born 1977), who serves as Minister of Music at First-Plymouth Church in Lincoln, Nebraska. He is also Associate Professor of Music and Director of Choirs at Nebraska Wesleyan University. As we sing the five stanzas of "How Firm a Foundation," we are assured when we face difficulties and dangers, as we know we must, we are not alone but supported by One whose strength will enable us to bear whatever is demanded.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*

Marko Petričić | *Organ*

Bear King | *Liturgist*

Lucy Boyd | *Liturgist*

Jared Gaddis & Elisabeth Kleinsmith Russ | *Cantors*

Chancel Choir

Krista Wright | *Soprano*

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Events and Announcements

2027 Annual Appeal: "Your Light Shines"

Our 2027 Annual Appeal campaign, *Your Light Shines*, has begun, and you are invited to participate and contribute in whatever ways you can! Discover the ways you can submit your pledge by scanning the QR code.



"Arts for Learning" Art Supplies Donations | October 15

Circle 3 is collecting art supplies (new/partial/gently used) for "Arts for Learning Indiana's" Free Art Studios! Markers, crayons, paints, sketchbooks, and more can be donated to the plastic bin in The Gathering Place.

Habitat for Humanity Multifaith Panel Build | October 17

The 2026 Multi-faith Panel Build is back at Second Presbyterian Church! Northminster has 4 reserved spots for both shifts (8:30 - 11:30 am & 10:30 am - 1:30 pm). Sign up today using the QR code!



Stepping On: Fall Prevention | Starting October 19 | 1:00 - 3:00 pm

This powerful, evidence-based program has been proven to reduce falls by 31% among older adults. Sign up today for seven consecutive weeks of 2-hour sessions to complete the program! Learn more and register today.



Adult Ed: NPC in Kenya with Umoja | October 21 | 6:00 pm

Join Denise Soltis, Executive Director of Umoja, for an inside look at the life-changing programs and support provided to our sponsored school! Join us again on the 28th to hear from members who traveled about their experience.

Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat | October 24 | 12:30 - 3:00 pm

All are invited! Join us for food, pumpkin painting, crafts, lawn games, and trunk or treating. Volunteers are also needed for car decoration and grill duty! Learn more and register on Civic Champs by scanning the QR code.



October Mission Collection: White Rice, Dry Beans, Spices

The Mission Team is collecting white rice, dry beans, and salt & pepper for our mission partners, Westminster Neighborhood Services and Exodus Refugee! Donations can be made to the brown bins in the Gathering Place.

New Member Class | November 1 | 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Interested in exploring more about NPC and becoming a member? Join us for a New Member Class where we'll get to know one another and discover ways to get involved! Childcare will be provided. RSVP using the QR code!



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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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