NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost | November 8, 2026 | 10:00 am

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

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME AND MINUTE FOR GENEROSITY
Kristin Keltner, Generosity Team

PRELUDE
"Toccata in F Major" | *Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)*

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rejoice and be glad!
For God is great.
Let us sing songs of thanksgiving!
Let us worship the Triune God.

* **HYMN NO. 400**
"I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say" | *ENGLAND*

* **CALL TO CONFESSION**

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Loving God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
by not honoring you or loving one another.
When we ignore injustice in the world
our worship brings you no delight.
Make haste to help us,
that we may stand in right relationship
with you and the whole of your creation
and sing your praises
through the mercy of Christ,
our resurrected Savior.
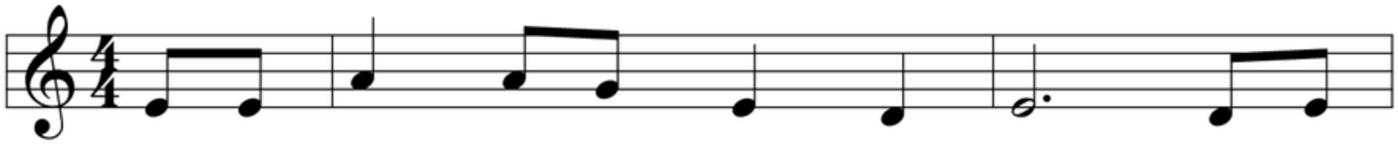
* **SILENT CONFESSION**

* **WORD OF GRACE**
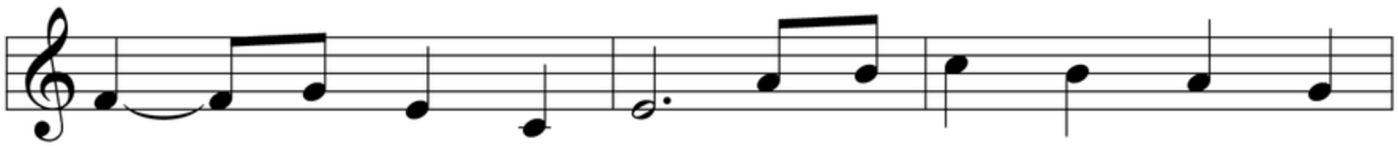
Friends – rejoice and be glad,
for God is mighty
and comes to us in peace
to forgive, save, and restore.
Praise God for new beginnings!

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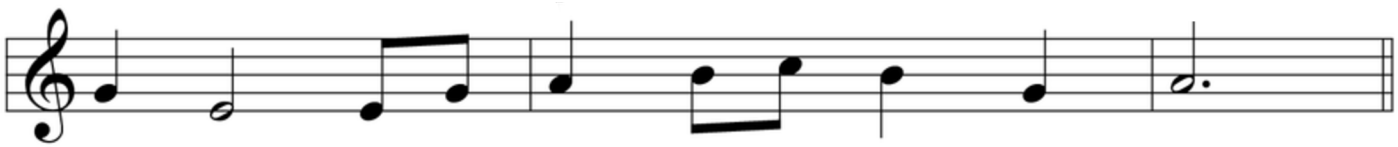
(Psalm 122)



1 I re - joiced when I heard them say: "Let us
2 Like a tem - ple of u - ni - ty is the
3 It is faith - ful to Is - rael's law, there to
4 For the peace of all na - tions, pray: for God's
5 For the love of my friends and kin I will
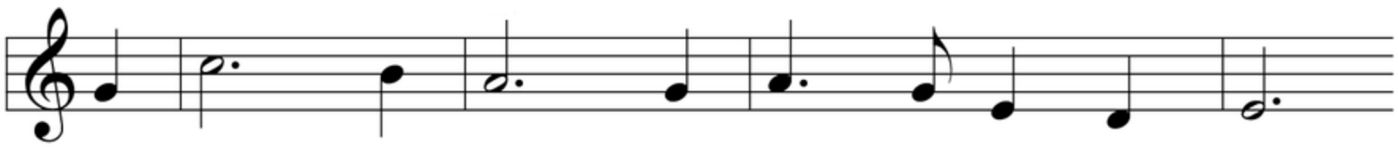


go to the house of God." And now our feet are
cit - y, Je - ru - sa - lem. It is there all tribes will
praise the name of God. All the judg - ment seats of
peace with - in your homes. May God's last - ing peace sur -
bless you with signs of peace. For the love of God's own
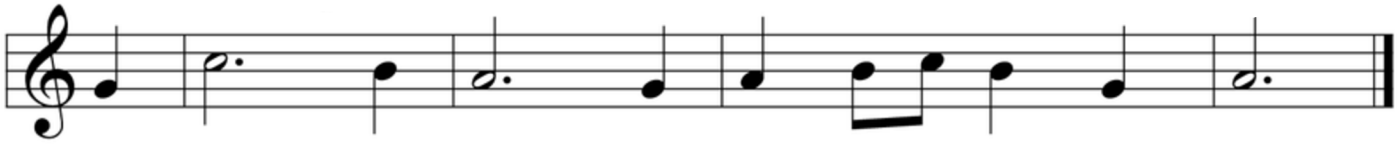


stand - ing in your gates, O Je - ru - sa - lem!
gath - er, all the tribes of the house of God.
Da - vid were set down in Je - ru - sa - lem.
round us; may it dwell in Je - ru - sa - lem.
peo - ple I will la - bor and pray for you.

Refrain



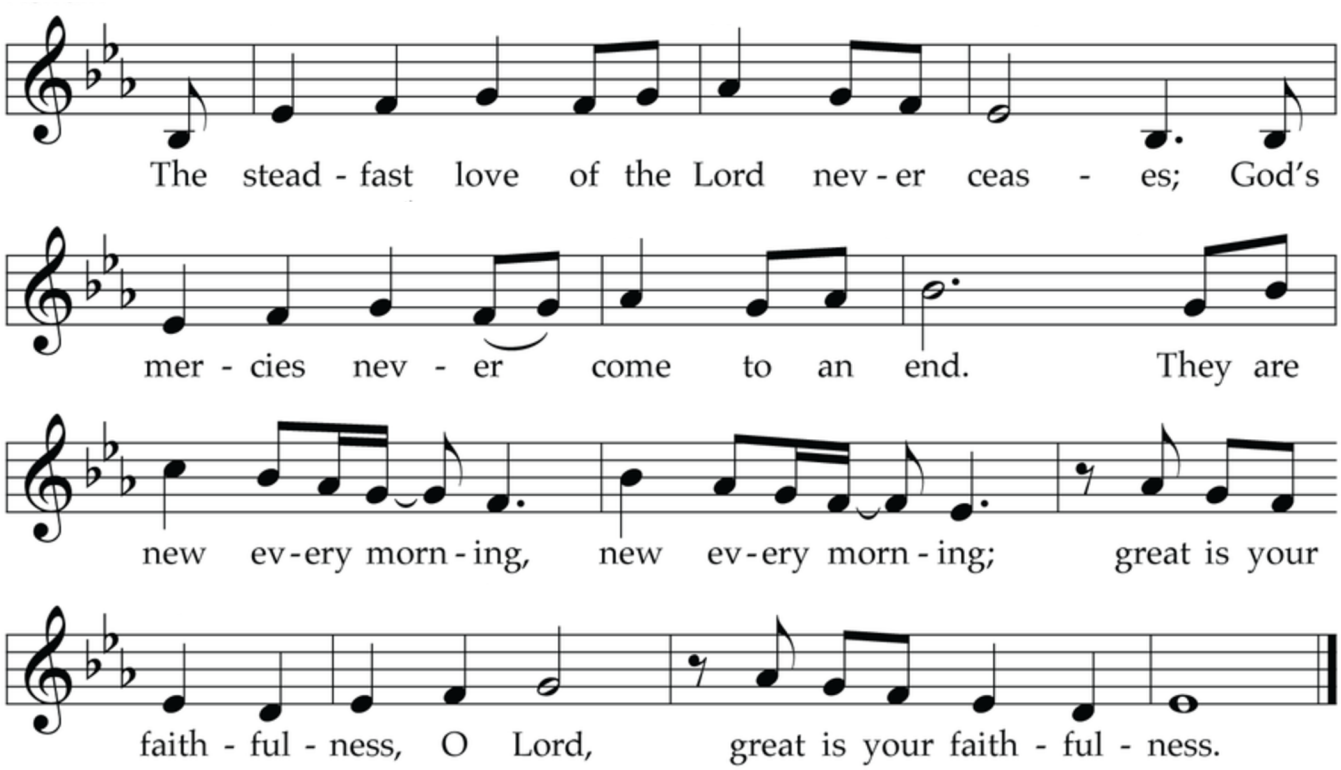
Sha - lom, sha - lom, the peace of God be here.



Sha - lom, sha - lom, God's jus - tice be ev - er near.

* **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

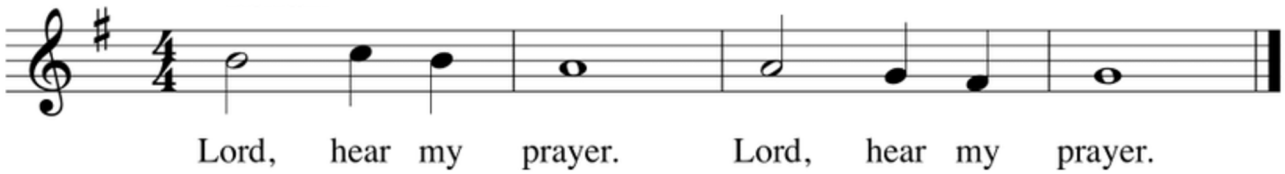
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON | PROPHET

Amos 5:18-24 | *OT p. 854*

SECOND LESSON | PSALM

Psalm 70



THIRD LESSON | GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1-13 | *NT p. 28, Spark Bible p. 314*

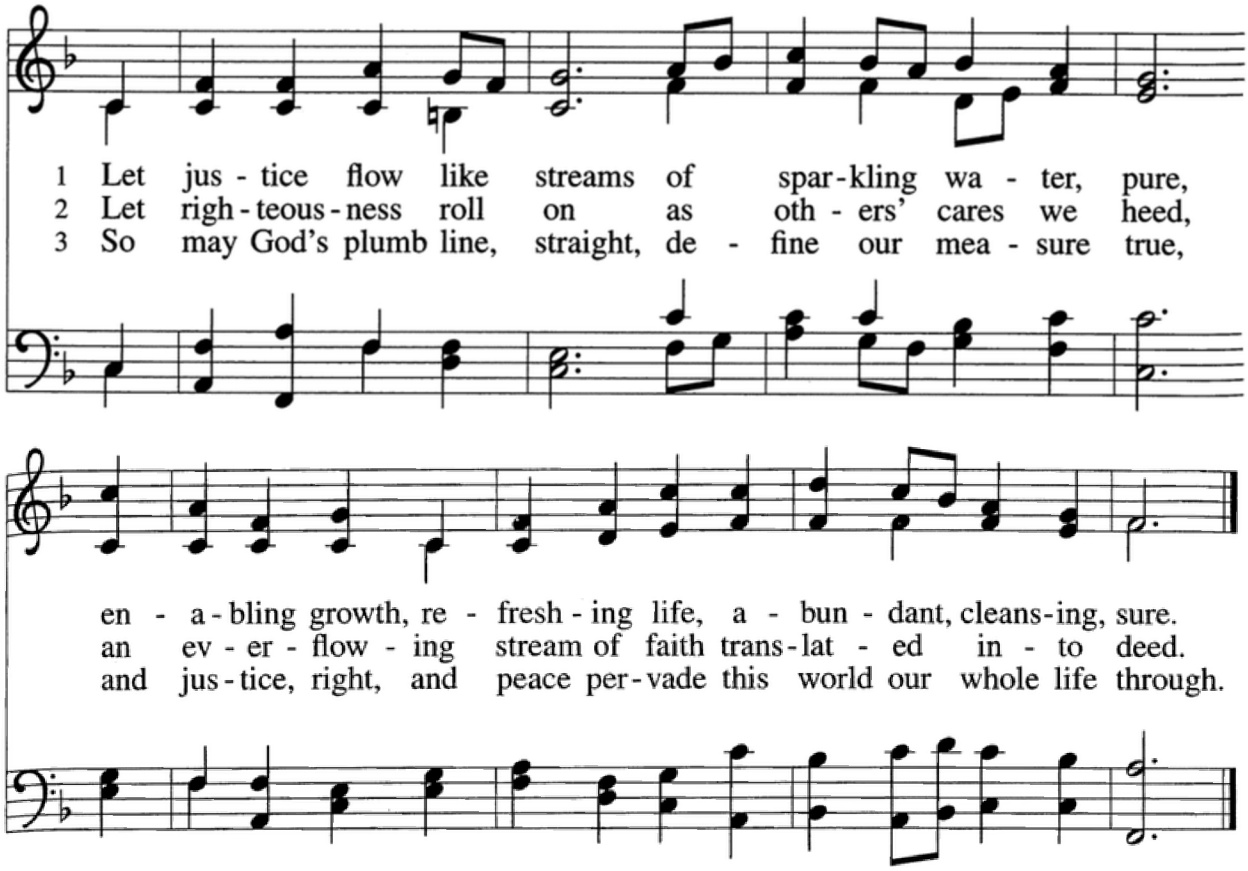
SERMON

"Matthew 25: It's More Than You Think" | *Brian Shivers*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* **HYMN**

"Let Justice Flow Like Streams" | *ST. THOMAS*



RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Emily Plunkett, Elder

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

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"How Can I Keep From Singing" | *American Folk, arr. Paul Halley (b. 1952)*

My life flows on in endless song,
above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.

Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing.
It sounds an echo in my soul,
How can I keep from singing?

When tyrants tremble, sick with fear,
And hear their death-knell ringing;
When friends rejoice, both far and near,
How can I keep from singing?

In prison cell and dungeon vile
our thoughts to them are winging;
When friends by shame are undefiled;
How can I keep from singing?

What though the tempest loudly roars,
I hear the Truth, it liveth!
What though the darkness round me close,
Songs in the night it giveth.

No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging;
Since Love is Lord of heav'n and earth,
How can I keep from singing?

* **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. 362**

"Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers" | *LLANGLOFFAN*

* **BLESSING AND CHARGE**

May God who creates and sustains
keep you fervent in faith, cheerful in hope,
brimming in justice, and overflowing in love.
And the blessing of God,
Father/Mother, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
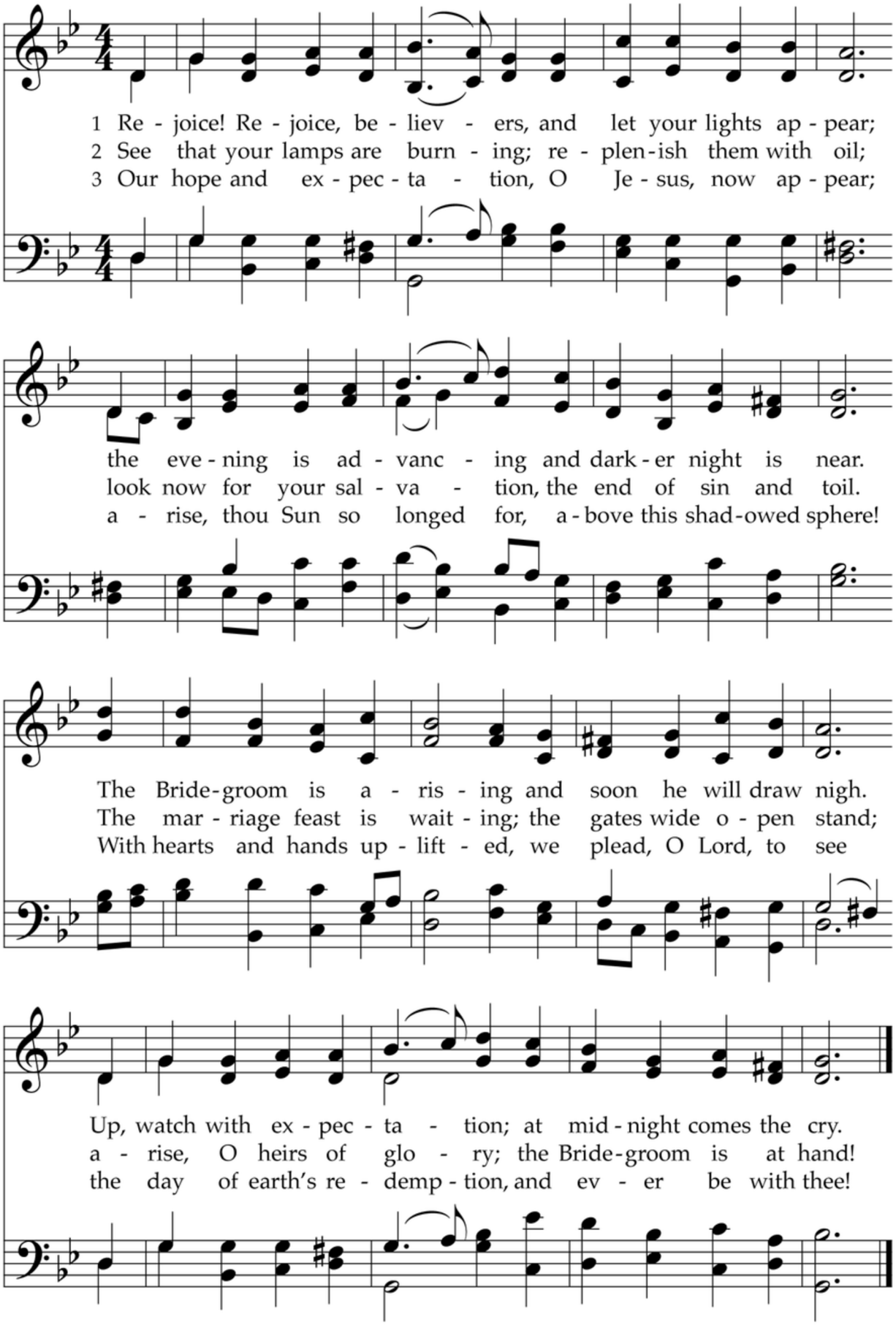
Alleluia.

Let us listen and practice kindness.
And let justice roll down like waters
like an ever-flowing stream.
Amen.

POSTLUDE

"Toccata in E Minor" | *Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)*

362 Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers



IN WORSHIP

Today's Offertory, "How Can I Keep From Singing," is an arrangement of an American folk tune. The origin of the hymn's text is unclear. Some assign it to Baptist minister Robert Lowry (1826-1899), while others suggest the hymn comes from the Shaker or Quaker traditions. The arranger, Paul Halley (born 1952), is a Grammy Award-winning composer, choral conductor, and organist. He is currently the Director of Music of The Cathedral Church of All Saints, Halifax, Nova Scotia, and is the Creative Director of Pelagosmusic, the music company which publishes his compositions and recordings. Previously, he served as principal composer and keyboardist for The Paul Winter Consort, and Music Director of The Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York, the choirs Chorus Angelicus and Gaudeamus, and The Chapel Choir of the University of King's College, Halifax. In January 2023, Halley was awarded The Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal for Service to Arts and Culture in Nova Scotia. Born in Romford, England, in 1952, Halley was raised in Ottawa, Canada, where he received his early musical training as a chorister and assistant organist with The Men and Boys Choir of St. Matthew's Anglican Church.

NEW MEMBERS

Margi Kimball	Christian Moody	Cathy Purciful
Alyssa Mayes	Mallory Mundy	Emmaline Purciful
Jeff Mayes	Ron Pederson	Kirby Purciful

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*
Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*
Marko Petričić | *Organ*
Chancel Choir Trebles
Amy Hughley | *Piano*

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Sound & Spirit Next Sunday!

John Allegar, Organ | November 15th | 4:00 pm

Join us as we welcome John Allegar, who will present "Transformation through Repetition," a free concert highlighting the power of patterns and their transformations in music.

See future *Sound & Spirit* dates and consider a donation by scanning the QR code!

2027 Slate of Officers

Join us for a brief Congregational Meeting on November 15th following Worship to vote on our slate of officers for 2027:

Elders

Abby Auer
Lucy Boyd
Cy Donnelly
Melodie Sarver
Clint Winkler

Molly Auer
(*1-year Elder*)

Foundation Board

Loui Lord Nelson
Rob Rothrock

Deacon
(*3-year Terms*)

Jon Boyd
Melynda Frazer
Amber Gilman
Mary Holtgrave
Nancy Jarrell
Francois Lutumika
Helene Lutumika
Joanna Morse
Max Ruegger
Claire South

Lucy Mann
(*1-year Deacon*)

2-year Terms to Fill Resignations
Frank Sauer
Teresa Sherow
Marcia Young

1-year Term to Fill Resignation
Susie Koriath

Events and Announcements

Rev. Heimach Book Signing | Today | 11:15 am - 12:00 pm
Rev. Robert Heimach will sign and offer copies of his new book, "Decently and In Order," in the Gathering Place for just $10! The book takes you behind the scenes of his 35-year ministry with three Indiana churches.

Adult Ed: Advocating For Ourselves and Neighbors | November 11 | 6:00 pm
Kit Malone, Director of Advocacy at The Damien Center, will share an update on the policy issues shaping The Damien Center's work! To pre-register for Wednesday night dinner, please scan the QR code.

Yoga Workshop with Kim Allen | November 13 | 12:15 - 2:15 pm
Sign up today for the final workshop of the year on November 13! Classes are $50, and all are welcome (yoga teaching professionals can earn two CEUs)! "Optimize Gut Health: Principles from Ayurveda."

Practical Meditation | November 14 | 10:00 - 11:15 am
Join us for week two of Practical Meditation titled, "Guided Meditation for Deep Relaxation and Better Sleep". For just $20, this workshop can introduce you to, or refresh your options for, meaningful practice!

Umoja Interfaith Thanksgiving Dinner | November 15 | 5:00 - 8:00 pm
Umoja's annual Thanksgiving dinner and silent auction is coming up and tickets are on sale! Learn what is happening to help keep students in school in Kenya. Tickets are $50 each and can be bought through the QR code.

Holiday Grief Seminar | November 22 | 11:15 am - 12:45 pm
Holidays can be difficult when we are dealing with various forms of grief. This seminar, led by Northminster member Joanna Morse, is a support group that offers connection. You are not in this alone. We are here for each other.

November Mission Collection: Shampoo & Deodorant
The Mission Team is collecting 300 shampoos and 600 deodorants for our partner, Westminster Neighborhood Services, and the Christmas baskets program. Please consider a donation in the brown bins in The Gathering Place!

2027 Annual Appeal: "Your Light Shines"
Our 2027 Annual Appeal campaign, Your Light Shines, is underway. Today is Commitment Sunday. All are invited to participate in the campaign! Discover how by scanning the QR code.

More information on these events and others can be found on our website at northminster.chuch/events

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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
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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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