



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany | February 8, 2026 | 10:00 am

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

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

“Praeludium in G Minor” | Franz Tunder (1614-1667)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

In the sea of life's daily stress and strife,
in the struggle to keep our heads above the waves,
Jesus calls us from the shore:

“Follow me, and be fishers of people!”

“Follow me, and use your gifts with purpose.”

“Follow me, and build abundant life.”

**We will be weavers of community,
architects of justice,
gardeners of peace.**

Let us worship the Triune God.

* HYMN NO. 308

“O God in Whom All Life Begins” | NOEL

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Christ our Messiah,
you call us to fish for people,
but we are hesitant to leave our boats.

We are afraid to let go of the things we hoard,
believing they make us secure.

We are afraid to put our trust in you,
afraid to follow, afraid we will fail.

Forgive us, caring God.
Transform our fear into faithfulness,
and enable us to walk with you,
that we may be part of your work in the world.

* SILENT CONFESSION



O God in Whom All Life Begins 308



1 O God in whom all life begins, who births the seed to fruit,
2 U - nite in mu - tual min - is - try our minds and hands and hearts
3 Through tears and laugh-ter, grief and joy, en - large our trust and care;



be - stow your bless - ing on our lives; here let your love find root.
that we may have the grace to seek the power your peace im - parts.
so bind us in com - mu - ni - ty that we may risk and dare.



Bring forth in us the Spir - it's gifts of pa-tience, joy, and peace;
So let our var - ied gifts com - bine to glo - ri - fy your Name
Be with us when we gath - er here to wor - ship, sing, and pray;



de - liv - er us from numb-ing fear, and grant our faith in - crease.
that in all things by word and deed we may your love pro - claim.
then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.



Although it was written for the installation of a pastor, this text is really about the mutual ministry shared by all members of a worshiping community, both when they are gathered and when they go forth into the world. The tune used here may have Christmas associations for some.

* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Just as Jesus called the disciples, so Christ calls us.
Friends, we are forgiven of our sins
and are now freed to answer Christ's call.

Christ calls us, forgives us, heals us, and teaches us.
Thanks be to God!

* 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 9: 1-4 | OT p. 638



SECOND LESSON | PSALMS

Psalm 27: 1-9



The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion, of whom should I
be a - fraid, of whom should I be a - fraid?

THIRD LESSON | GOSPEL

Matthew 4: 12-25; 5: 13-16 | NT p. 3-4, Spark Bible p. 258-267

SERMON

“Called: It’s Both/And” | Carol McDonald

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

SOLO

“The People That Walked in Darkness” (from *Messiah*) | G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light, and they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

(from *Isaiah 9:2*)

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

“His Voice as the Sound” | *American Folk, arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw*

His voice as the sound of the dulcimer sweet
is heard thro' the shadows of death;
The cedars of Lebanon bow at his feet,
the air is perfum'd with his breath.
His lips as a fountain of righteousness flow
to water the garden of grace,
From which their salvation the Gentiles shall know,
And bask in the smile of his face.

Love sits in his eyelids and scatters delight
thro' all the bright regions on high.
Their faces the Cherubim veil in his sight
And tremble with fullness of joy.
He looks, and ten thousands of angels rejoice,
and myriads wait for his word,
He speaks, and eternity filled with his voice,
Reechoes the praise of her Lord.

* 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

* HYMN NO. 296

“Go in Grace and Make Disciples” | *WONDROUS LIGHT*

* BLESSING AND CHARGE

May the liberation of God, who loves us, give us peace.
May the grace of Christ, who calls us, go with us.
May the power of the Holy Spirit, who empowers us, sustain us.

We are called to be fishers of all people
for the sake of the beloved kingdom.
Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.



296 Go in Grace and Make Disciples

1 Go in grace and make dis - ci - ples. Bap - tize in God's
 2 Go and fol - low Christ's ex - am - ple, not to van - quish,
 3 Go in Pen - te - cos - tal spir - it, man - y tongues and

ho - ly name. Tell of death and res - ur - rec - tion; Eas - ter's
 but to heal. Mend the wounds of sin's di - vi - sions. Ser - vant
 man - y gifts. Feed the hearts of hun - gry peo - ple. Spread the

vic - tory now pro - claim. Christ's com - mis - sion sends us forth
 love to all re - veal. Roles and ranks shall be re - versed;
 gos - pel that up - lifts. Till the day of Christ's re - turn,

to the na - tions of the earth. Go in grace and
 jus - tice flow for all who thirst. Go and fol - low
 as dis - ci - ples, teach and learn. Go in Pen - te -

make dis - ci - ples, mid - wives for the world's re - birth.
 Christ's ex - am - ple. Forge a world of last made first.
 cos - tal spir - it: let God's flame of wit - ness burn.

This text based on Jesus' Great Commission (Matthew 28:19–20) emphasizes that engaging in mission according to the model of Christ's life and ministry inspires service rather than conquest. The gospel message is a gift of life and hope made known in healing, justice, and peace.

CHORAL RESPONSE

"The Peace of the Earth" | Iona Community

The peace of the earth be with you,
the peace of the heavens too;
the peace of the rivers be with you,
the peace of the oceans too.
Deep peace falling over you;
God's peace growing in you.

IN WORSHIP

The solo "The people that walked in darkness" is the 11th movement of the 53-movement oratorio *Messiah* by George Frederick Handel (1685-1759). The rambling melody and dark harmonies in this bass aria vividly depicts a people who are lost and groping in the darkness, today's Old Testament Lesson (Isaiah 9: 1-4).

Today's Offertory, the a cappella choral arrangement of "His voice as the sound," takes its text from portions of Baptist minister and hymnwriter Joseph Swain's (1761 - 1796) poem, "A Description of Christ." Blending poetic phrases from the Song of Solomon, Psalms, Isaiah, and the book of Revelation, Swain composed an elegant description of the Savior, including the sound of his voice, the warmth of His smile, and the beauty of his righteousness. The "cedar trees of Lebanon" are a symbol of strength and prosperity. In verse one, they represent the power and pride of the world, which will eventually bow before the Lord ("bow at his feet"). When Swain visited America, he paired the text with the southern folk tune SAMANTHRA, which may be found in our hymnal as No. 77 "Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old." Alice Parker (1925 - 2023) and Robert Shaw (1916 - 1999) spent over 10 years arranging American folk tunes for choirs, both secular and sacred. Aside from the simplicity of these arrangements, the clarity of text is of paramount importance. Polyphony (two or more melodic lines occurring at the same time) is handled in such a way that the story of the song is never obscured.

Our final hymn, No. 296 "Go in Grace and Make Disciples," was written by Mary Louise Bringle (born 1953) in 2001. Of the hymn, she has said, "In writing a hymn on Jesus' Great Commission (Matthew 28), I wanted to emphasize that mission after the model of Christ has more to do with service than with conquest." From a theological perspective, it is significant that the three stanzas include references to God, Christ, and the Spirit, giving the hymn a Trinitarian context. This demonstrates an awareness on the part of the poet of the underlying Matthew passage, as Christ's commission included references to all three Persons of the Trinity. The tune, WONDROUS LIGHT, was composed by William Rowan (born 1951) in hopes that someone would set a text to it. Dr. Mary Louise (Mel) Bringle is Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies and chair of the Humanities Division at Brevard College, Brevard, NC. She has won a number of international hymn-writing competitions, and her hymns are published in various denominational hymnals and hymn supplements. She will be serving on the faculty of this year's Montreat Conference on Worship and Music.



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*

Marko Petričić | *Organ*

Nathan Matthews | *Cantor*

Carol McDonald | *Parish Associate*

Sam Spade | *Baritone*

Chamber Ensemble

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Events and Announcements

Wednesday Night Adult Ed | Feb. 11 | 6:00 pm

Join Pastor Karen for this week's Bible study on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5-7. We'll talk about seeing the world upside down and what it means to be "blessed." Pre-register for dinner using the QR code!



Ashes To-Go | Feb. 18 | 12:00 - 1:00 pm & 4:00 - 5:15 pm

Receive the imposition of ashes without leaving your car! Come through the south parking lot to receive ashes and a blessing from Pastors Brian and Karen. Open to all!

Lenten Soup Supper | Feb. 18 | 5:30 - 6:45 pm

Come enjoy delicious soup & bread before the Ash Wednesday service!

Need more info or want to volunteer to help? Please contact John Purcell or Donna Schmahl.



Sound & Spirit: East Nash Grass | Feb. 20 | 7:00 pm

Sound & Spirit is back for 2026 as we welcome East Nash Grass! Named IBMA's 2024 New Artist of the Year, East Nash Grass brings their sparkling instrumental solos and driving rhythms to Sound & Spirit.



"Discovering Your Path" Enneagram Workshop | Feb. 21 | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Join us for a special Enneagram workshop led by Nancy Fortenberry! Pre-registration is strongly recommended and snacks, coffee, and tea will be provided. Learn more by scanning the QR code.



February Mission Team Donations: Canned Vegetables

The Mission Team is collecting canned vegetables for Westminster Neighborhood Services. Consider a donation to the yellow bin in The Gathering Place today!



Wednesday Night Dishwashing Team

Help Northminster minimize our carbon footprint! We have a terrific refurbished industrial dishwasher that makes the work fast and easy. Contact Monica Brase or use the QR code to sign up today!



The Ecumenical Yogi | Episode Two: Pelvic Floor with Kathryn Gonçalves

A new episode of "The Ecumenical Yogi" is now available, featuring Kathryn Gonçalves! Krista and Kathryn discuss the pelvic floor, including common symptoms of dysfunction and physical therapy.

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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
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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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