



# NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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*Transfiguration of the Lord | February 15, 2026 | 10:00 am*

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

### WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

#### WELCOME

#### PRELUDE

*"Procession of the Gargoyles" | Thomas H. Kerr (1915-1988)*

#### \* OPENING SENTENCES

Though finite human minds cannot fathom God's fullness,

**God gives us glimpses of her glory every day**

**in the night sky's depths**

**and in the simplest flower,**

in shared meals, shared stories,  
and shared struggles.

**In the face of every person made in her image,**

**God's beauty glows like sunlight behind clouds.**

We share God's sacred longing to be known,  
to be truly seen and loved for all we are.

**But to be fully known,**

**we must risk vulnerability.**

When we dare to share ourselves with one another,  
when we work to understand a friend or stranger,

**we come closer to catching a glimpse of God's presence.**

**Let us worship God together.**

#### \* HYMN NO. 189

*"O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair" | DEO GRACIAS*



# O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair 189



1 O won - drous sight, O vi - sion fair  
 2 From age to age the tale de - clare,  
 3 The law and proph - ets there have place,  
 4 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray  
 5 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high



of glo - ry that the church shall share,  
 how with the three dis - ci - ples there,  
 two cho - sen wit - ness - es of grace;  
 Christ deigns to man - i - fest to - day  
 by this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y,



which Christ up - on the moun - tain shows,  
 where Mo - ses and E - li - jah meet,  
 the Fa - ther's voice from out the cloud  
 what glo - ry shall be theirs a - bove  
 for which in joy - ful strains we raise



where bright - er than the sun he glows!  
 the Lord holds con - verse high and sweet.  
 pro - claims his on - ly Son a - loud.  
 who joy in God with per - fect love.  
 the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

This translation of a 15th-century Latin devotional text is set here to a majestic 15th-century tune celebrating the victory of an English king; they combine to evoke the awe and wonder of that moment of revelation the three disciples experienced in Christ's Transfiguration.

## \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Lord, Jesus Christ, God's glory and love shone through you that day on the mountain, and you persisted in revealing that glory and love through your words and deeds;  
through your life of humble service.

**All: We confess our failure to listen to you and follow you because of the influence on our lives of the gods of this world.**

Leader: If we conceal your love  
because our pursuit of other priorities  
prevents us from seeing and serving people in need:

**All: Forgive us, Lord.**

**Higher Voices: If we conceal your glory  
because all we reflect is our own self-centeredness:**

**All: Forgive us, Lord.**

**Lower Voices: If we conceal your justice  
through our failure to empower those who are powerless:**

**All: Forgive us, Lord.**

**Higher Voices: If we conceal your mercy  
because of our hard and unforgiving attitudes:**

**All: Forgive us, Lord.**

**Lower Voices: If we conceal your compassion  
because of our prejudice and intolerance:**

**All: Forgive us, Lord.**

**All: Lord Jesus Christ, cleanse our lives of all shameful attitudes of mind and heart so that we might better follow you in all we do, and say, and are.**

## \* SILENT CONFESSION

## \* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, the good news of our faith is this:  
God hears us when we pray, and we are forgiven.

**That promise gives us peace and joy.  
Let us share that peace and joy with one another.**



**\* RESPONSE**

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

*mf*  
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

*f*  
Lord — God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y — God and Fa - ther, we

*f*  
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 | GOSPEL**

Matthew 17: 1-9 | *NT p. 18-19, Spark Bible p. 358*

**SECOND LESSON**

Psalm 99 | *Hal Hopson (1933-2025)*

Al - le - lu - ia! Ho - ly is the Lord.

**THIRD LESSON | EPISTLE**

2 Peter 1: 16-19 | *NT p. 236*



## SERMON

"Seeing" | Brian Shivers

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### \* HYMN

"God Give Us Eyes to See Your Reign" | *KINGSFOLD*

1. All God, give us eyes to see your reign, a slow - ly grow - ing light  
2. Higher Voices God, give us ears to hear your voice a - mid the noise of life  
3. Lower Voices God, give us hands to do your work, to shape with love and care  
4. All God, give us tongues to praise your works, and voic - es to pro - claim  
5. All God, give us eyes to see your reign and ears to hear your voice,

trans - fig - ur - ing our com - mon world, re - stor - ing faith's dim sight.  
that speaks a word of faith and hope and calms our in - ner strife.  
the fac - ets of your peace - ful reign for all the world to share.  
the sto - ry of re - deem - ing love, the glo - ry of your Name.  
strong hands to do your king - dom's work and voic - es to re - joice—

Il - lu - mine eyes in shad - ow's gloom where hate and greed hold sway,  
Lord, tune our ears to hear the pain of ev - 'ry child that cries,  
Re - strain our hands from wast - ed work that strives for pri - vate gain,  
Em - bold - en us to join the sound of tor - tured cries un - heard,  
that all our sens - es be em - ployed in yet un - fath - omed ways

for dark - ness is as light to you and you make bright our way.  
who mourns in - jus - tice, hate, and war: your voice in hu - man guise.  
that build up mon - u - ments of wealth and add to hu - man pain.  
to call on all to hear your voice, the jus - tice - speak - ing Word.  
till work and wor - ship are as one in lives of end - less praise.

## 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

"Hold Out Your Light" | *African-American spiritual, arr. Albert McNeil (1920-2022)*

Hold out your light, you heav'n-bound soldier,  
let your light shine 'roun' the world.

Oh, soldier, won't you hold out your light,  
and let it shine aroun' the world.

Oh, Christian, won't you hold out your light,  
and let it shine aroun' the world.

Oh, Father, won't you teach me to pray  
to let my light shine roun' the world.

Hold out your light, you heav'n-bound soldier,  
let your light shine 'roun' the world.

#### \* 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. 662

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" | *RATISBON*

#### \* BLESSING AND CHARGE

May the Lord bless you and protect you;  
May the Lord shine on you and be gracious to you;  
May the Lord show you favor and give you peace.  
**Alleluia!**

And now, may the glory of Christ, our King, be revealed in your life,  
**may the Spirit surround us in the mystery of God,**  
**and may God transform our coming and our going. Amen.**



# Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies 662



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies; Christ, the true, the on - ly light;  
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa-nied by thee;  
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of Righ-teous-ness, a - rise; tri-umph o'er the shades of night;  
joy - less is the day's re - turn till thy mer-cy's beams I see;  
fill me, ra - dian - cy di-vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.  
till they in - ward light im - part, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.  
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.



This well-crafted morning hymn opens by celebrating daylight as an image of Christ, the true Light, then ponders life without light, and culminates in a prayer for inward light. The tune's name honors its German roots: Ratisbon is the former English name for Regensburg.



## CHORAL RESPONSE

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You" | *Peter Lutkin (1858-1931)*

The Lord bless you and keep you,  
the Lord lift his countenance upon you;  
and give you peace,  
the Lord make his face to shine upon you,  
and be gracious unto you. Amen.

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## IN WORSHIP

On this Sunday, we observe the Transfiguration of the Lord. "Transfiguration" refers to a change in form or appearance. At the Transfiguration, we celebrate the revelation of divine glory in the human life of Jesus Christ. Jesus' radiant appearance on the mountaintop evokes the consuming fire of the glory of the Lord at Mount Sinai. Standing with Moses and Elijah, Jesus represents the fulfillment of the law and baptism, as God again claims him as a "beloved child." This event also looks forward to his death and resurrection, as the one who is lifted up on the cross will reveal the glorious victory of God.

This morning's prelude, "Procession of the Gargoyles," is the opening movement of Thomas H. Kerr's (1915-1988) eleven-movement organ suite *Suite Sebastienne*. Kerr was an American composer, organist, and teacher who composed and arranged for piano, organ, solo voice, woodwind ensemble, and chorus. He served as Professor of Music and Chair of the keyboard department at Howard University for over 30 years, and served as organist of the Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ in Washington, DC. As a pianist, he was the first African American to perform a recital at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, DC.

This morning's Offertory, "Hold Out Your Light," was arranged by Los Angeles native Albert John McNeil (1920 – 2022), American choral conductor, educator, ethnomusicologist, author, and founder of the Albert McNeil Jubilee Singers. For many years, he was Professor of Music at the University of California – Davis, where he served as Director of Choral Activities. His career was dedicated to upholding the choral music traditions of African American composers.

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*  
Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*  
Marko Petričić | *Organ*  
Chancel Choir

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# Events and Announcements

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## **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.

## **Ash Wednesday Worship | Feb. 18 | 7:00 pm**

Experience our Ash Wednesday service with prayers, scripture readings, imposition of ashes, and communion as we commence the Lenten season. Live stream will be available!

## **Sound & Spirit: East Nash Grass (Bluegrass) | 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.



## **How Faith Informs My Vocation | Feb. 25 | 6:00 pm**

Join us in the Board Room on five consecutive Wednesdays starting February 25<sup>th</sup> to hear from a variety of NPC members on how their faith informs their vocation (and vice versa). Register for dinner using 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!

## **The Ecumenical Yogi | NEW Episode featuring Kim Allen**

Episode three, "Meet Your Fitness Professional," is now available, featuring Kim Allen! Krista and Kim discuss Kim's journey, functional movement, and how her experiences inform her teaching.



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**Carol McDonald**  
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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](https://northminster.church/prayer)

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