



Northminster Presbyterian Church

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 30, 2022 10:00a.m.

WELCOME

Carol McDonald

PRELUDE

Grand Choeur

Théodore Dubois
(1837-1924)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

From the very beginning, God calls us.

God sets us apart with a meaning and a purpose.

We come up with excuses to avoid our calls, for we are afraid.

**But God reassures us in many and various ways
through the course of our days.**

Even if we are brought to the edge of a cliff,

God is with us and sustains us.

*** HYMN NO. 463**

How Firm a
Foundation

FOUNDATION

***PRAYER OF
CONFESSION**

David Smazik

God our Deliverer,

We confess that we are reluctant to speak and to live according to your truth.

**We grow comfortable with the way things are,
passively condoning injustice.**

**We see ourselves as “insiders” excluding those we consider
“outsiders.”**

**We find it easier to pluck up and pull down, to destroy and
overthrow,
than to build and to plant.**

Forgive us, O God, for being timid disciples.

**Empty us of fear and shame,
and fill us with love that is humble and patient and kind.**

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Brothers and sisters – God has loved us since the beginning, and
God’s love
for us will never end.

**Therefore, we have faith in God’s steadfast love, God’s healing
power,
and God’s ability to make all things new.**

By the grace of Christ, know that God forgives you in love.
Praise God for second chances!

***GLORIA**

Traditional Taize



***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Melissa Hopkins

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living Word of God
Eternal

KOMM, O KOMM
DU GEIST DES
LEBENS
Chancel
Choir

Living Word of God eternal, laying claim to every age,
Jesus, speak through all our speaking, bring to life the Bible's
page;
Let your gospel, heard and heeded, set our course of pilgrimage.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 1: 4-10

Jessie Gritton

PSALM 71

Hal Hopson
Krista Wright,
Cantor



GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 4: 16-30

SERMON

Today

Carol McDonald

***HYMN NO.**
691

Lord, When I Came into
This Life

LAND OF REST

INVITATION TO PRAYER

O God We Call

Linnea Good
Chancel
Choir

O God we call, O God we call, from deep inside we yearn for you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Brian Ellison

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

He Comes to Us as One
Unknown

RESTON
arr. John Ferguson
Chancel
Choir

He comes to us as one unknown, a breath unseen, unheard;
as though within a heart of stone, or shriveled seed in darkness
sown, a pulse of being stirred, a pulse of being stirred.

He comes when souls in silence lie and thoughts of day depart;
half-seen upon the inward eye, a falling star across the sky
of night within the heart, of night within the heart.

He comes to us in sound of seas, the ocean's fume and foam;
yet small and still upon the breeze, a wind that stirs the tops of
trees, a voice to call us home, a voice to call us home.

He comes in love as once he came by flesh and blood and birth;
to bear within our mortal frame a life, a death, a saving name,
for ev'ry child of earth, for ev'ry child of earth.

He comes in truth when faith is grown; believed, obeyed, adored;
the Christ in all the Scriptures shown, as yet unseen, but not

unknown,
our Savior and our Lord, our Savior and our Lord.

***HYMN NO.** Today We All Are Called to Be **KINGSFOLD**
757 Disciples

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

Friends, God is a refuge, a safe place, but never an escape,
therefore:
Go this day into a world where things are being pulled down and
overthrown,
where things are being built and planted.
Go this day open to the surprise of what God is doing,
and where and with whom God is at work!
Go this day with the love of God made visible in you.

**And now, may the grace of God, the love of Christ,
and the friendship of the Holy Spirit go with us all.
Amen.**

POSTLUDE Sonata in G minor for Alto **Johann Sebastian**
Recorder, BWV 1034 **Bach**
(3rd movement) (1685 – 1750)
Simon Lee,
Recorder

Participating in worship today are Ruling Elder Jessie Gritton and The Rev. Brian D. Ellison. **Jessie Gritton**, a lifelong member of this congregation is active in our youth group and has served as a member of Session. She attends North Central High School. Once each month,

members of our youth group will be sharing in worship leadership.

Brian Ellison serves as the Executive Director of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, a PC (USA) group committed to building a church as just and generous as God's grace. Brian will preach this afternoon for a service of ordination in Lafayette and will join us tomorrow (Monday) morning at 9:30 a.m. in The Gathering Place for a conversation with any who wish to learn about the Network and its work of education and advocacy.

MUSIC IN WORSHIP

This morning's Offertory, "He Comes to Us as One Unknown," is an anthem setting of a hymn which remembers the cosmic Christ, the Lord who is Lord of all, the first and last. The text also points to the Lord Jesus who walked the dusty Galilee paths, bringing the message of the coming Kingdom of God to the people of Israel. The Christ of faith and the Jesus of history is the same, and this idea has inspired several hymn writers throughout the ages.

The first stanza was written by Albert Schweitzer from his 1910 *The Quest of the Historical Jesus*. The remaining stanzas were written by British hymn writer Timothy Dudley-Smith, who published over 300 hymns. The tune RESTON was composed by the late Romantic British organist and composer, Sir C. Hubert Parry (1848 – 1918). The hymn arrangement we sing today is by John Ferguson, long time professor of organ and church music and cantor to the student congregation, St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota.

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****The flowers this morning are given by Sarah Oldham and Roslynn, Wes, Jon, and Lauren Lancaster in memory of Algie S. Oldham, Jr., and Caroline Lancaster.****

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Today at Northminster:

Congregational Annual Meeting – Today after service, in-person and streaming online

2021 annual report, elect additional officers needed, learn about planning 2022, hear an update from the Pastor Nominating Committee, and receive all other business that is brought before the congregation. There will be *no* lunch provided.

Youth Group Schedule

January 30 – Youth Group Outing (Ice Skating)

Monday:

Meet the Covenant Network of Presbyterians – Mon. Jan 31, 9:30-11am. *Gathering Place*

Meet Rev. Brian Ellison, Executive Director of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians. He will introduce you to the Network's on-going critical work of doing education and advocacy for LGBTQIA persons in church and society.

Caregiver Support Group (Ongoing)

Meets on Monday at 6:00pm, **virtually**. Contact Denise Harrington for login information.

Wednesday:

Wednesday Night Schedule

Dinner begins at 5:30pm. Make your reservation online or call the church office no later than 12 Noon on Monday for the following Wednesday.

- Children's Choir rehearsals – 6:00pm

- Youth Bible Study – 6:00pm
- Chancel Choir rehearsal – 6:59pm to 9:00pm
- Childcare from 6:00pm to 9:00pm
- Wednesday Night Adult Ed led by Carol McDonald
The Raven and the Dove by Sandy Sasso

Thursday:

Health Support Group

Meets on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:00pm, **virtually**. Contact Denise Harrington for login information.

Looking Ahead:

Northminster Presents – “The Dwindling Presbyterian and Mainline Church” – Wed., Feb. 9, 6pm

Join Rev. David Smazik in an hour of important discussion in the long decline of declared church members in the Presbyterian Church. Come examine some of the potential causes of this trend and what our traditional Presbyterian future may look like.

Bluegrass Concert – Fri., Feb. 11, 7pm

Two-time Grammy nominee bluegrass band Special Consensus will be performing LIVE at Northminster! Don't miss this much anticipated Sound & Spirit event. Admission is free! Invite your friends, family, coworkers, and neighbors.

- **Just added! FREE Pre-concert Happy Hour/Dinner**
 5:00-6:45pm at Liter House for Northminster Young Adults (21-35). RSVP on the church website.

Family Game Night – Sun., Feb. 20, 4-6pm

Open to EVERYONE at Northminster. Come for a great night of fun! Prizes are needed, bring them for the prize table, please leave them in the yellow bin in the Gathering Place or give them to Nancy Fortenberry.

*For more information on events and meetings
and how to join Zoom events or meetings,
visit our website (northminster-indy.org).*

*To give by text message on a smartphone,
text the amount to (317)316-3009.*

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