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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

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**\*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

Refrain

Lord, in your mer - cy, hear my  
prayer. Lord, hear my prayer.

**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



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 1<sup>st</sup> 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,  
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### **MINISTRY**

**David Smazik**  
Interim Pastor

**Carol McDonald**  
Parish Associate

**Nancy Fortenberry**  
Director, Youth and  
Family Ministries

**Melissa Hopkins**  
Interim Christian  
Education

**John M. Wright**  
Director, Music Ministries

**Marko Petričić**  
Music Associate/Organist

**Denise Harrington**  
Senior Ministry

**Collin Obremski**  
Communications Director

**Donald R. Durrett**  
Associate Pastor Emeritus

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Stephen Ministry Leaders