



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Second Sunday in Lent | March 1, 2026 | 10:00 am

(*For those who are able, please stand)

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Solemn Processional" | Robert A. Harris (b. 1938)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

There is so much we do not understand,
so many mysteries in this life of faith.
But some things are certain.
We do know:

**Our help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.
God is our keeper and our shade.
Let us lift our eyes and our hearts to God.**

* HYMN NO. 321

"The Church's One Foundation" | AURELIA

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,
we come before you
in need of forgiveness and grace.
You call us to trust in you completely,
but we do not.

We are timid and fearful
as we follow your lead.
We justify our actions and words,
though we know they are not what you require.
We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers,
preferring old habits to risky change.

Forgive us, we pray.
Help us to be born again
into the life and faith of Christ,
trusting that you have included us by grace
in the beloved community.



The Church's One Foundation 321



1 The chur-ch's one foun-da-tion is Je-sus Christ her Lord.
 2 E-lect from ev-ery na-tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn-ful won-der this world sees her op-pressed,
 4 Mid toil and trib-u-la-tion, and tu-mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has un-ion with God, the Three in One,



She is his new cre-a-tion by wa-ter and the word.
 her char-ter of sal-va-tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
 by schis-ms rent a-sun-der, by her-e-sies dis-tressed,
 she waits the con-sum-ma-tion of peace for-ev-er-more:
 and mys-tic sweet com-mu-nion with those whose rest is won:



From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho-ly bride.
 One ho-ly name she bless-es, par-takes one ho-ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep-ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi-sion glo-rious her long-ing eyes are blest,
 O hap-py ones and ho-ly! Lord, give us grace that we,



With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press-es, with ev-ery grace en-dued.
 And soon the night of weep-ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic-to-rious shall be the church at rest.
 like them, the meek and low-ly, may live e-ter-nal-ly.



This hymn was one of twelve written by an English curate to affirm the articles of the Apostles' Creed with biblical allusions such as 1 Corinthians 3:11 here. Though not created for this text, the tune was joined to it in 1868, and the two have been inseparable ever since.

* **SILENT CONFESSION**

* **KYRIE**

Dinah Reindorf



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.



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* **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Siblings in Christ, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

We will bear witness to God's saving grace with our lives.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven,
and freed to try again.

* **SUMMARY OF THE LAW**

Matthew 22: 37-40

Our Lord Jesus Christ says:

**"You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
and with all your soul,
and with all your mind."**

This is the greatest and first commandment.

And a second is like it:

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

All the law and the prophets
depend on these two commandments.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

Preschoolers are dismissed to Church School

Offerings added to the Joyful Noise Pail are for mission partner Heifer International



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

“Calling” | *Mark Patterson*

Help us to hear your voice, Lord;
teach us to pray and listen for your word as you lead us.
Help us to see your hand here,
guiding our steps and showing us the way, give us faith, Lord.
Help us to know in all things that your love will carry us through.
Help us to hear your voice, Lord;
help us to trust in you.

In the noisy clamor of this careless world;
in the silent void so vast and deep;
When we lose our way, Lord, help us hear your calling us,
like a loving shepherd to your sheep.
Give us faith to follow where you lead.

Help us to hear your voice, Lord;
teach us to pray and listen for your word as you lead us.
Help us to see your hand here,
guiding our steps and showing us the way, give us faith, Lord.
Help us to know in all things that your love will carry us through.
Help us to hear your voice, Lord;
help us to trust in you.

FIRST LESSON | PSALM

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?

**My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

The Lord will not let your foot be moved;
God who keeps you will not slumber.

**The One who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

The Lord is your keeper;
The Lord is your shade at your right hand.

**The sun shall not strike you by day
nor the moon by night.**

The Lord will keep you from all evil;
and will keep your life.

**The Lord will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.**



SECOND LESSON | GOSPEL

John 3: 1-17 | NT p. 93-94, Spark Bible p. 416

SERMON

“John 3:16” | Brian Shivers

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the Mennonite Church, North America

**We believe in God,
the giver of grain and bread,
and in Jesus Christ,
the bread of life broken for us,
and in the Holy Spirit,
God’s nourishing power in every grain and loaf.
We believe that Christ is to be leaven in us,
so that we may offer the bread of life
to the hungers of every human heart.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Agnus Dei” (from *Mass in C Major, K. 337*) | W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi...
(Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world...)

* DOXOLOGY

OLD 100TH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit, evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus (from Mass in C Major, K. 337) | W.A. Mozart

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, Holy, Holy,
Lord God of Sabbath.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.**

AMEN

Amen (from Mass in C Major, K. 337) | W.A. Mozart

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

All are welcome and all bread is gluten-free

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

"Now the Silence" | Carl Schalk (1929-2021)

Now the silence, Now the peace,
Now the empty hands uplifted;
Now the kneeling, Now the plea,
Now the Father's arms in welcome;
Now the hearing, Now the power,
Now the vessel brimmed for pouring;
Now the body, Now the blood,
Now the joyful celebration;
Now the wedding, Now the songs,
Now the heart forgiven leaping;
Now the Spirit's visitation,
Now the Son's epiphany,
Now the Father's blessing.
Now. Now. Now.

“Feed Us, Lord” | *FEED US*



1 Feed us, Lord. Feed us, Lord. In the bro - ken bread,
2 Quench us, Lord. Quench us, Lord. On this thirst - y ground,
3 Fill us, Lord. Fill us, Lord, with the bread and wine
4 Lead us, Lord. Lead us, Lord, nour-ished here by Christ,



be re - vealed a - gain. Come and feed our hearts, O Lord.
may your love flow down. Come and quench our hearts, O Lord.
of the ris - en Christ. Come and fill our hearts, O Lord.
giv - en strength for life. Come and lead our hearts, O Lord.

PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

Eternal God,
as you fed your people in the wilderness with unexpected food,
so you feed us at this table with a simple loaf and cup.
Here you transform us,
by the working of your wondrous love,
to be Christ's body in the world.
Send us out into your broken and beautiful world
to bear your good news of hope and joy for all. Amen.

* **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 ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

* **HYMN NO. 282**

“Come Down, O Love Divine” | *DOWN AMPNEY*



282 Come Down, O Love Divine

1 Come down, O Love Di - vine; seek out this soul of mine,
2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with your own ar - dor glow - ing.
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing.
shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing.

O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear,
And let your glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
For none can guess God's grace, till Love cre - ates a place

and kin - dle it, your ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

This *lauda spirituale*, a kind of vernacular Italian sacred song from the late Middle Ages and Renaissance, was translated into English in the 19th century but received little notice until this tune (named for the composer's birthplace) was created for *The English Hymnal*.

* **BLESSING AND CHARGE**

Creator God, walking in the garden,

breathe life into us.

Tempted God, praying in the desert,

breathe life into us.

Holy God, travelling towards the city,

breathe life into us.

Mysterious God, maker and encourager,

surprise us with angels.

Revealing God, questioner and caller,

surprise us with stories.

Breathing God, dancer and delighter,

surprise us with joy.

POSTULDE

“Have Mercy on Me, O Lord God,” BWV 721 | *J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*



IN WORSHIP

This morning, the Chancel Choir sings sections from Mozart's *Mass in C Major*. Join us at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, March 15, for a performance of this work with guest soloists and orchestra. Other repertoire includes Vaughan Williams' "The Lark Ascending" and "Kyrie" from William Todd's *Mass in Blue*.

During Communion, we sing the hymn "Feed Us, Lord," by Greg Scheer. This brief hymn consists of a series of prayerful petitions. The first stanza alludes to the experience of two disciples who encountered the risen Christ on the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus but did not recognize him until they shared a meal with him. The imagery of the second stanza connects more naturally to the liquid element of the sacrament, but it's also a recollection of promises of God's favor in Isaiah 35 and 44. The third stanza calls to mind the meals shared by the risen Christ and the disciples. The final stanza provides an important reminder that the spiritual nourishment received from the Lord's Supper is intended to sustain us in paths of witness and service. The plural pronouns throughout are a significant expression of the communal nature of this sacramental meal. Author and composer Greg Scheer is one of today's leading figures in global and contemporary hymns. He has been commissioned by the Holland Symphony Orchestra, Baylor University, Western Seminary, and the Iowa Choral Directors Association.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*
Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*
Marko Petričić | *Organ*
Peace Choir | *Katie Ray, Director*
Krista Wright | *Soprano*
Elisabeth Kleinsmith Russ | *Soprano*

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers in the chancel are in honor of Bill Lord's 95th birthday, February 28, 2026.

Seventy-one years ago, you began helping Northminster's assistant minister with the youth group, then you and Mom made this your church home. We are grateful to God for you, for the faith and love you and Mom shared, and for Northminster's community of faith throughout the decades. "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life..." (Psalm 23).

With love, your daughters Jennifer and Louise.



Events and Announcements

NPC Knits | Mar. 2 | 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Join us in the Gathering Place to craft with intention as we discuss current events and how we can support our neighbors. Help us make resistance hats or bring your own project! Contact Jill de las Alas for more info!

How Faith Informs My Vocation | Mar. 4 | 6:00 pm

Join us in the Board Room 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!



Congregational Meeting | Mar. 8 | 11:00 am

We'll have a brief congregational meeting to hear from the Session's Personnel Team, who will present a plan for a minor adjustment to the Pastor's Terms of Call and their thoughts on a strategy for moving forward.

Youth Group Spring Family Fun Night | Mar. 8 | 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Youth and their families are invited to join us in The Gathering Place for food, drinks, and a canvas painting class led by Decor by Dannie. There is no cost, and supplies are provided! Please RSVP to Emma by March 1st.



"We Keep Us Safe" Public Action Event | Mar. 12 | 6:30 - 8:30 pm

The Indy Action Coalition's #WeKeepUsSafe action campaign is mobilizing, and you're invited! Join us on Thursday, March 12th, from 6:30 - 8:00 pm for the We Keep Us Safe Public Action event. Register today!



Sound & Spirit: The Silver Chain of Sound | Mar. 15 | 4:00 pm

Featuring the Northminster Chancel Choir, orchestra, and violinist Kevin Linn, *Sound & Spirit: The Silver Chain of Sound* will include Vaughan Williams' "The Lark Ascending" and Mozart's "Mass in C Major, K. 337."



March Mission Team Donations: Cleaning Supplies

The Mission Team is cleaning supplies (dish soap, bath towels/washcloths, cleaning supplies, detergent, dryer sheets, and trash bags (13 gal tall can size). Consider a donation to the yellow bin in The Gathering Place!

MindBody Yoga

Northminster Community Yoga is transitioning all class registrations to MindBody! Download the app today from your app store and be ready for the transition on March 1st. Contact Krista Wright with any questions.

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Marko Petričić
Music Associate/Organist

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Office Administrator

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Director of Children's Ministry

Timothy Foster
Director of Communications

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Youth Ministry Coordinator

Krista Wright
Spiritual Wholeness and
Wellness Coordinator

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Custodian

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Custodian

Salima Lutumika
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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