



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fourth Sunday in Lent | March 15, 2026 | 10:00 am

(*For those who are able, please stand)

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Prelude in E Minor," BWV 533 | *J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

* OPENING SENTENCES

We are children of light,
rejoicing in everything good and right and true.

We worship the Lord who heals, liberates,
and raises us from the dead.

**In the dream of the beloved community of God,
we are awake,
and we stand in the light of Christ.**

* HYMN NO. 666

"O Splendor of God's Glory Bright" | *PUER NOBIS NASCITUR*

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,
we are people who still love darkness rather than light.
We see ourselves as blameless,
but pass judgment on others.
We do not stand firmly enough with those who are vulnerable,
but step back, protecting ourselves.
Forgive us, we pray.

Bring us into your light
that we may see ourselves rightly.
Bring us into your light
that we may know ourselves loved.
Bring us into your light
that we may live more fruitful lives.

Keep raising us, we pray, from the deadness of sin,
and shine upon us with your grace.

* SILENT CONFESSION



O Splendor of God's Glory Bright 666



1 O Splen - dor of God's glo - ry bright, from light e -
2 Come, Ho - ly Sun of heaven - ly love, rain down your
3 O joy - ful be the pass - ing day with thoughts as
4 O Lord, with each re - turn - ing morn, your im - age



ter - nal bring - ing light; O Light of Light, light's
ra - diance from a - bove, and to our in - ward
clear as morn - ing's ray, with faith like noon - tide
to our heart is born; O may we ev - er



liv - ing spring, true Day, all days il - lu - min - ing:
hearts con - vey the Ho - ly Spir - it's cloud - less ray.
shin - ing bright, our souls un - shad - owed by the night.
clear - ly view our Sav - ior and our God in you.

This morning hymn is based on a Latin text attributed to a 4th-century bishop. It weaves various images of Christ as Light with light-based descriptions of each day's passing. It is set to a dance-like tune from at least the 15th century that enhances the energy in the text.

* **KYRIE**

Dinah Reindorf

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

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* **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

While it is true that we have sinned,
it is a greater truth that we are forgiven.
Through God's love in Jesus Christ,
I declare to you, we are forgiven.
Praise God for new beginnings!

* **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.

* **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 | PSALMS

Psalm 23 | *Hal Hopson (1933-2025)*

Refrain

The Lord's my Shep-herd, I'll not
want. The Lord's my Shep - herd.

SECOND LESSON | GOSPEL

John 9: 1-41 | *NT p. 102-103, Spark Bible p. 432*

SERMON

"What Do You See?" | *Karen Herbst-Kim*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN NO. 490

"Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters" | *BEACH SPRING*

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICER

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Do we, the members of the church accept these Deacons and Ruling Elders as chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.



Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters



1 Wash, O God, your sons and daugh-ters, new - born crea - tures
2 Ev - ery day we need your nur - ture; by your milk may
3 O how deep your ho - ly wis - dom! Un - i - mag - ined,



of your womb. Num-ber them a - mong your peo - ple, raised like
we be fed. Let us join your feast, par - tak - ing cup of
all your ways! To your name be glo - ry, hon - or! With our



Christ from death and tomb. Weave them gar - ments bright and
bless - ing, liv - ing bread. God, re - new us; guide our
lives we wor - ship, praise! We your peo - ple stand be -



spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light. Fill, a - noint them;
foot - steps, free from sin and all its snares, one with Christ in
fore you, wa - ter-washed and Spir - it - born. By your grace, our



send your Spir - it, ho - ly dove and heart's de - light.
liv - ing, dy - ing, by your Spir - it, chil - dren, heirs.
lives we of - fer. Re - cre - ate us; God, trans - form!

This text incorporates many of the images associated with the water of baptism in the Thanksgiving Over the Water in *The Book of Common Worship*, especially nourishment, the calling forth of life, cleansing and renewal, freedom from bondage, and sharing in Christ's resurrection.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

OFFERING

(please sign the pew pad and pass it to your neighbor)

OFFERTORY

"Agnus Dei" (from Mass for Four Voices) | William Byrd (1543-1623)

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.	<i>Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.</i>
Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.	<i>Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.</i>
Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.	<i>Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant us peace.</i>

* DOXOLOGY

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

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING



WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

* **HYMN NO. 744**

“Arise, Your Light is Come!” | *FESTAL SONG*

* **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.

CHORAL RESPONSE

“Northern Lights” | *Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978)*

Pulchra es amica mea,
suavis et decora filia Jerusalem.

Pulchra es amica mea,
suavis et decora sicut Jerusalem.

Terribilis ut castrorum acies ordinata.

Averte oculos tuos a me,
quia ipsi me avolare fecerunt.

*Thou art beautiful, O my love,
sweet and comely daughter of Jerusalem.*

*Thou art beautiful, O my love,
sweet and comely as Jerusalem.*

Terrible as an army set in array.

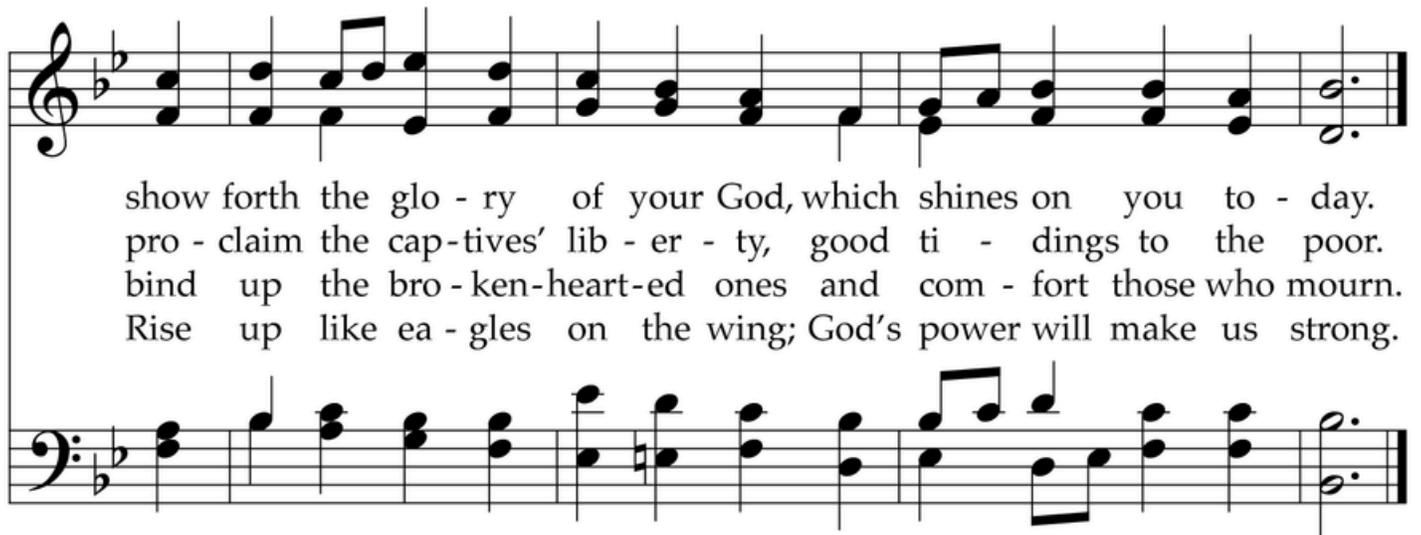
*Turn away thine eyes from me,
for they have made me flee away.*



744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!



1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Echoing imagery from Isaiah 61:1-2 and other passages, this text was created as an inclusive-language alternative to an older hymn using this late 19th-century tune. Because it is a song of encouragement rather than a song of praise, it is not directed to God but to people.

IN WORSHIP

For today's offertory, the Northminster Chamber Ensemble sings "Agnus Dei" from *Mass for Four Voices* by William Byrd (1543-1623). Byrd is considered one of the greatest composers of the English Renaissance. Born in London, he was a chorister at the Chapel Royal, where he sang under Thomas Tallis, and became organist there in 1572. He composed masses, motets, polyphonic songs, and works for keyboard and instrumental consort, all of which rank among the most unique and inspired works of the late Renaissance. His output was widely admired both at the time and now, and the influence he exerted on his contemporaries and on future generations of English composers was profound. "Agnus Dei" (1592) is set with intensity and poignancy. The music seems to inhabit a serene world far away. It begins with an intimate duet for the upper voices, adding the tenor and bass voices at each new call of "Agnus Dei." At "Dona nobis pacem," the voices begin a series of descending phrases whose suspensions create a stream of dissonances across almost every beat.

As we are sent forth to serve, the Northminster Chamber Ensemble sings Norwegian-born composer Ola Gjeilo's "Northern Lights." The text is a portion of the 6th chapter of the Bible's *Song of Solomon*, a hymn to the beauty of the beloved. Gjeilo has written the following about this piece: "Looking out from the attic window that Christmas in Oslo, over a wintry lake under the stars, I was thinking about how this 'terrible' beauty is so profoundly reflected in the northern lights, or aurora borealis, which, having grown up in the southern part of the country, I have only seen once or twice in my life. It is one of the most beautiful natural phenomena I've ever witnessed, and has such a powerful, electric quality that must have been both mesmerizing and terrifying to people in the past, when no one knew what it was and when much superstition was attached to these experiences."

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*

Marko Petričić | *Organ*

Krista Wright | *Cantor*

Becky Huehls, Mason King, and Krista Wright | *Scripture Readers*

Northminster Chamber Ensemble

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OFFICER BEING ORDAINED AND INSTALLED

Rosalee Mulligan | *Deacon*



Events and Announcements

Sound & Spirit: The Silver Chain of Sound | Today | 4:00 pm

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



Ritual of Lament | Mar. 18 | 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Through scriptural lament, poetry, plaintive music, simple ritual, and (optional) sharing, a space will be provided to talk about how the national psyche has been shattered and our hearts broken.



Faith & Action: From Trauma to Transformation | Mar. 19 | 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Christian Theological Seminary presents the 2026 Faith & Action Spring Conference, a free workshop and keynote address by Dr. Chanequa Walker-Barnes. Register today!



GIMA: Train the Trainer | Mar. 19 | 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Come to a "Train the Trainer" session presented by the Greater Indianapolis Multifaith Alliance (GIMA) and learn about the housing crisis in Indy and how our resources can make a positive change. Learn more and register today!



Easter Plant & Decor Donations | Deadline Apr. 1 | 5:00 pm

Consider a \$25 donation for plants and décor used throughout the Lenten season! You may make your donation in memory of, or in honor of a loved one, and your dedication will be printed in the Easter bulletins.



Easter Egg Hunt Donations & Volunteers

Donations are welcome! Drop off bags of individually wrapped candy and/or toys in The Gathering Place. Want to volunteer? Sign up through Civic Champs or contact Elisabeth Kleinsmith to learn more.



Easter Egg Hunt | Apr. 4 | 10:00 am

Registration begins at 10:00 am, and the hunt at 10:30 am. This event is free and open to all, and plan to bring a basket to collect your eggs! Complimentary coffee will be provided by Bedrock Coffee.

Mission Team: Streets to Home Move-In Kits

The Mission Team is collecting a wide range of items to build three move-in kits for Streets to Home Indy! Sign up to donate items to the yellow bin or make monetary donations through the QR code or on our events page.



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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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