



# 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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*Seventh Sunday of Easter | May 12, 2024, 10:00 am*

### WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

#### WELCOME

#### PRELUDE

"Toccata in G Major" | *Dietrich Buxtehude (c. 1637-1707)*

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Happy are those who do not pursue the wicked path,  
but who delight in God's teachings  
and meditate on them day and night.

**They are like trees planted by streams of water.  
They yield fruit in due season,  
and their leaves do not wither.**

#### \*HYMN NO. 611

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" | *HYMN TO JOY*

#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,  
you love us, but we have not loved you.  
You call, but we have not listened.  
We walk away from neighbors in need,  
wrapped in our own concerns.  
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.

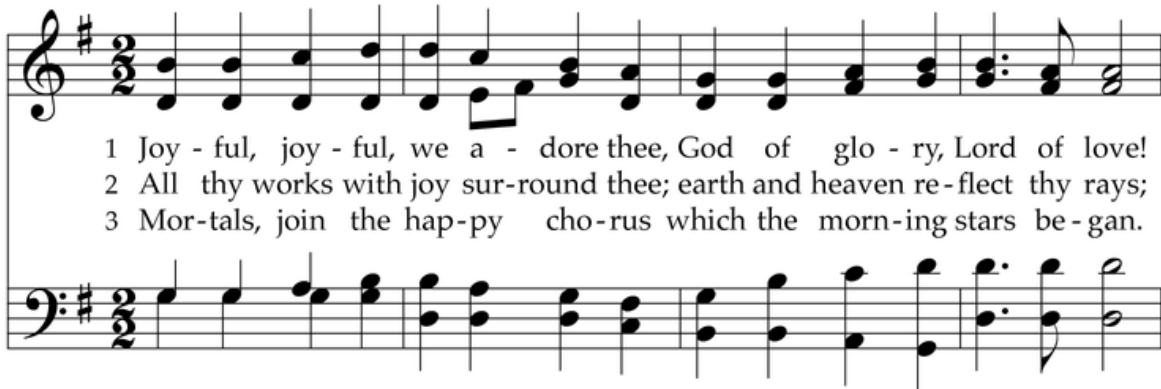
God of grace,  
help us to admit our sin,  
so that as you come to us in mercy,  
we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness;  
through Jesus Christ our redeemer.

#### \*SILENT CONFESSION

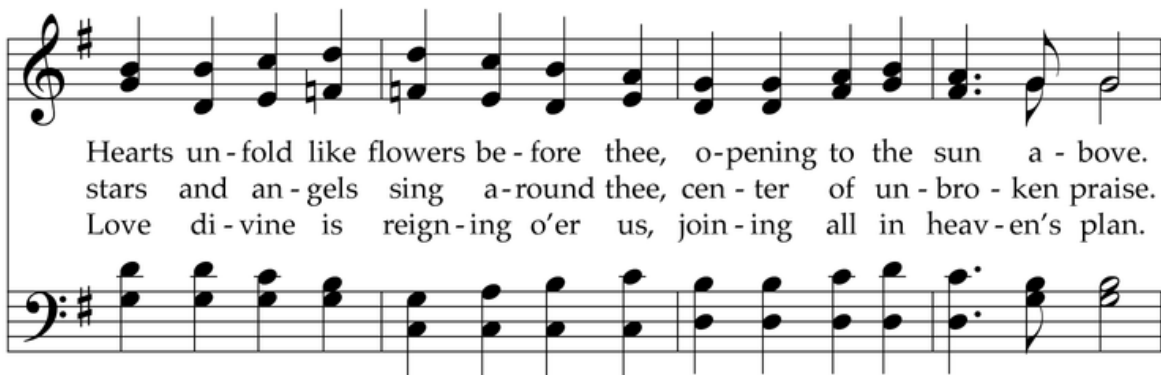
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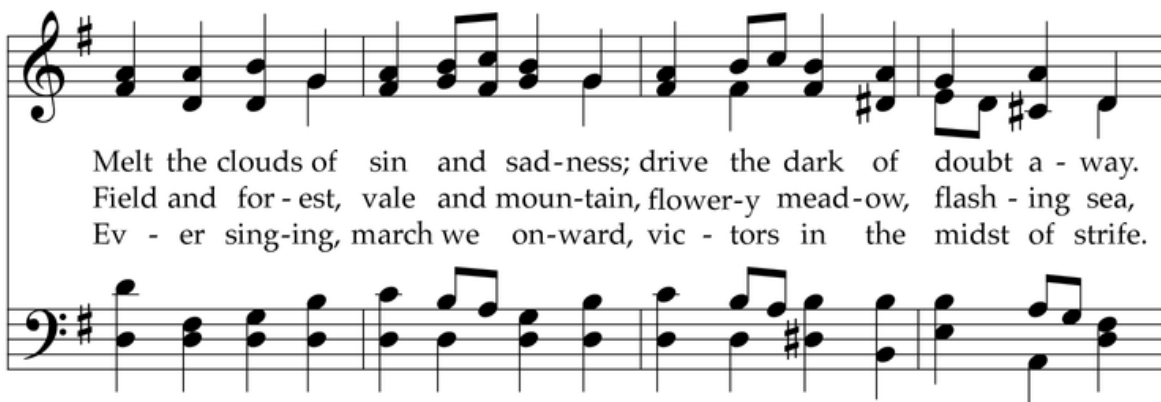
# 611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-flect thy rays;  
 3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.



Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a-bove.  
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.  
 Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.  
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,  
 Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife.



Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.  
 Joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.

## \*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In Christ Jesus, God has promised to forgive us  
and make us whole to God and each other.

**As people born of water and the Spirit,  
we have died to the old life, and a new life has begun.**

Our sins are forgiven.

**Praise be to God.**

**We can live as those who have been raised to new life!**

## \*RESPONSE

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" | ALLELUIA NO. 1



## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

## \*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.)*

## CHILDREN'S TIME

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

*Children are dismissed to Church School*

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## ANTHEM

"O Clap Your Hands" | *John Rutter (b. 1945)*

O clap your hands together all ye people:  
O sing unto God with the voice of melody.  
For the Lord is high and to be feared:  
He is the great king upon all the earth.  
He shall subdue the people under us:  
And the nations under our feet.  
He shall choose out an heritage for us:  
Even the worship of Jacob whom he loved.  
God is gone up with a merry noise,  
And the Lord with the sound of the trump.  
Oh sing praises, sing praises unto our God:  
Oh sing praises, sing praises unto our King.  
For God is the king upon all the earth:  
Sing ye praises with understanding.  
O clap your hands together all ye people.

*Psalm 47: 1-7*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### FIRST LESSON | GOSPEL

Matthew 5: 1-12 (p. 4)

### SECOND LESSON | PSALM

Psalm 1: 1-4, 6 | *Hal Hopson (b. 1933)*



Hap-py are they who de-light, who de - light in the law of God.

### THIRD LESSON | PSALM

Psalm 1 (Tanakh)

### SERMON

"The Way" | *Brian Shivers*

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## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### \*HYMN

"The Way of Wisdom Guides Us" | *THAXTED*

1. The way of wis-dom guides us up - on a trail that winds through  
2. The way of Christ re - quires us to serve in word and deed and  
3. The way of God is per - fect; God's law re-vives the soul. By

man - y times of test - ing that shape our hearts and minds. The  
of - fer hope and heal - ing to an - y - one in need. It  
faith we seek its beau - ty; by grace God makes us whole. The

nar - row ridge is ho - ly where faith and rea - son meet, and  
leads us to the moun - tain where wolf and lamb are friends, and through  
light of truth and learn - ing in - spires us to pro - claim true

as we move up - on it our joy grows more com - plete.  
death and res - ur - rec - tion to peace that nev - er ends.  
jus - tice, love, and free - dom that flour - ish in God's name.

Up - on this path of wis - dom that faith - ful feet have trod, we

fol - low Christ in serv - ice and strive to hon - or God.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your 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)

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## OFFERTORY

"O for a Closer Walk With God" | *Charles V. Stanford (1852-1924)*

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame;  
A light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb!  
Return, O holy Dove, return!  
Sweet messenger of rest; I hate the sins that made thee mourn,  
and drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame;  
So purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

## \*DOXOLOGY

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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

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

## \*HYMN NO. 457

"How Happy Are the Saints of God" | *WAREHAM*

## \*BLESSING AND CHARGE

Jesus Christ has already given us  
into the arms of a loving God.

**Let us, therefore, go in the Spirit of peace.**

Living in the love of Christ,

**let us be open to God calling us into new ministry.**

**Amen.**

## POSTLUDE

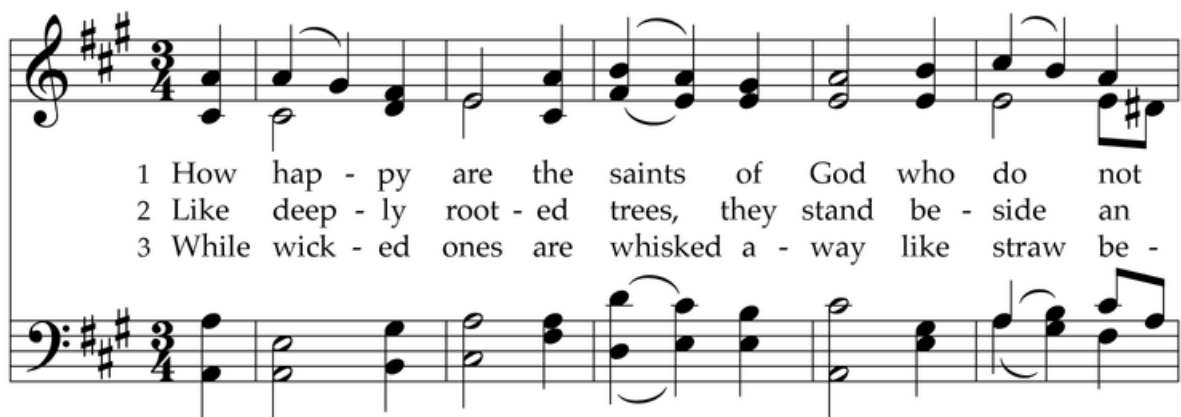
"Fugue in C Major" | *Dietrich Buxtehude*

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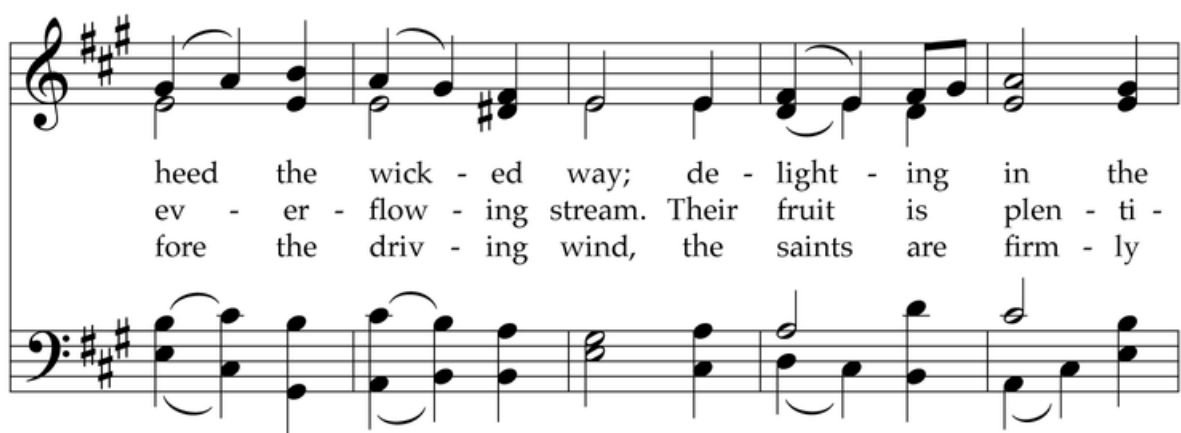


# 457 How Happy Are the Saints of God

(Psalm 1)



1 How hap - py are the saints of God who do not  
2 Like deep - ly root - ed trees, they stand be - side an  
3 While wick - ed ones are whisked a - way like straw be -



heed the wick - ed way; de - light - ing in the  
ev - er - flow - ing stream. Their fruit is plen - ti -  
fore the driv - ing wind, the saints are firm - ly



ho - ly Word they seek God's wis - dom night and day.  
ful and good; their leaves are al - ways grow - ing green.  
plant - ed still, and God will keep them to the end.

This paraphrase of Psalm 1 celebrates the permanence of God's way in contrast with the transience of wickedness. While the wicked are dried up and scattered, the holy people of God are rooted and nourished. They bear much good fruit and are blessed with an enduring legacy.

## IN WORSHIP

The anthem “O Clap Your Hands,” is a 1973 setting of Psalm 47: 1-7 by the English composer John Rutter (born 1945). Rutter sets the Psalm in an exuberant manner for a four-part chorus, providing a flamboyant part for the organ. At “O sing praises unto our God,” the tempo broadens, followed by a brief a cappella section – “Sing ye praises with understanding.” The material from the opening reappears at the beginning of the final section - “O clap your hands together all ye people” – and proceeds to the final climax with several meter changes, employing a particularly exciting flourish for the organ. Rutter also composed a version for chorus and orchestra.

Today’s Offertory, “O for a Closer Walk With God,” was composed by Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852 – 1924). The piece is a setting of the hymn CAITHNESS, which first appeared in the 1635 *Scottish Psalter*. Written for the organ and SATB choir, the sopranos make the opening statement and then are joined by the lower three voices. The mood of the music reflects the tender poem by William Cowper (1731 – 1800). Stanford, along with Elgar and Parry, brought about the so-called “English Musical Renaissance,” a rebirth of internationally significant compositions in Great Britain at the beginning of the 20th century. He was an influential teacher (Ralph Vaughan Williams and Herbert Howells were two notable students) and composer of mainly sacred choral and organ works.

## TODAY’S LEADERS

Brian Shivers, *Pastor*  
Ted Gibboney, *Organist*  
Karen Herbst-Kim, *Pastor*  
John Wright, *Director of Music Ministries*  
Chancel Choir  
Doug Shafer-Johnson, *Cantor*  
Benjamin Plunkett, *Cantor*

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# Events and Announcements

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## **New Member Class | May 19 | 8:15 am**

We'll host a new member opportunity for those interested in joining NPC! We'll gather at 8:15 am for a light breakfast and at 8:30 am for class in the Board Room. Those joining will be recognized in worship at 10:00 am. Contact the pastors Brian Shivers and Karen Herbst-Kim or the office for more information.

## **Northminster Housing Advocates Meeting | May 19th | 11:15 am - 12:15 pm**

Members acting as Court Watchers will meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month after worship to discuss their court experiences. If you'd like to learn more about how to get involved as a court watcher or about their work, please contact Susan Holewinski for more information.

## **Westminster Collection for May: Feminine Hygiene | Throughout May**

Northminster's Mission team is collecting feminine hygiene products to donate to our partner, Westminster Neighborhood Services! Please bring items throughout the month of May to the yellow bin in the Gathering Place. To learn more about the work of Northminster's Mission Team, scan the QR code!



## **Pyoca Summer Camps | June & July**

Registration has begun for Pyoca Summer Camps! Every summer, the Pyoca Camp and Retreat Center runs multiple summer camp sessions in June and July. Camps are designed for different age groups and interests, having sessions for rising 2nd graders through 2024 graduates. Scan the QR code or visit our website to learn more.



## **Summer Fun | June 5, 12, and 19 | 5:30 - 7:30 pm**

It's a beautiful (summer) in the neighborhood! Summer Fun is returning with a Mr. Rogers-based program for three nights in June. Registration will begin soon for 3-year-old and up. We are also in need of volunteers to help make this program great! Register or sign up to volunteer by scanning the QR code or visiting the website!



## **Summer Worship Services | June 16 & August 11**

Outdoor worship at Northminster is back! Mark your calendars for worship services on Ralston Commons this Summer on Sunday, June 16, and Sunday, August 11. You're invited to bring your own lawn chairs or blankets for these special services and don't forget to invite your neighbors and friends.

## **Stewardship Book Influence**

The Stewardship Team is excited to learn and share the books that have influenced your stewardship! Please list one or more titles by scanning the QR code or visiting our events page. In the coming weeks, we will also have cards in the pews for those who want to handwrite this information.



*Additional events and information can be found on our website at [northminster.church/events](https://northminster.church/events)*

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*Associate Pastor Emeritus*

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## 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.

## Weekly Email Newsletters

Stay up to date with everything going on at Northminster by subscribing to our newsletter at [northminster.church/newsletter](http://northminster.church/newsletter)

## Prayer Lists

The prayer list is available 24/7 online! Visit [northminster.church/prayer](http://northminster.church/prayer)

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