



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fifth Sunday of Easter | May 3, 2026 | 10:00 am

*(*For those who are able, please stand)*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"I. Introduction - Choral" (from Suite Gothique) | Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

INTROIT

"Come, We That Love the Lord" | Isaac Watts (1674 - 1748)

Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord, and thus surround the throne.

Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry;
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground, to fairer worlds on high.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We come together as the church;
**not a building of wood or stone,
but a spiritual house.**

We will be the living stones
that shout praise even when others are silent.

**God joins us together
and builds us up.**

Let us worship the triune God.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 301

"Let Us Build a House" | TWO OAKS



Let Us Build a House

All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
 2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and



safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell
 strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek
 wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground
 wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,
 vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed



how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we
 strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us
 laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Christ, our way, our truth, our life,
you have shown us the way, so clearly and fully.
You have not simply told us how to live,
you have shown us.
Still we do not believe all you have said to us;
still we do not trust the way you have shown us.

Help us, O God.
Forgive us.
Open our ears to your truth,
open our eyes to your way,
and lead us into new life.

* SILENT CONFESSION

* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Beloved, believe the good news.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Jesus prepares a place for us
and brings us close to him.**

Jesus answers us even in our unbelief.

As God's own people, we are thankful for new beginnings!

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

FIRST LESSON | EPISTLE

1 Peter 2: 2-10 | NT p. 233

SECOND LESSON | PSALM

Psalm 31 | Trad. Appalachian Folk Tune, arr. Hal Hopson (1933-2025)



Lord, you are my ref - uge; in you a - lone I trust.



THIRD LESSON | GOSPEL

John 14: 1-14 | NT p. 108-109, Spark Bible p. 448

SERMON

“You Know the Way” | Brian Shivers

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the Iona Community

Jesus was the Son of God.

He was the Son of Man.

He came down from heaven.

Jesus was born in a stable.

Kings came to his cradle.

His first home was a cave.

He was born to be a king.

Jesus was a child of Mary.

He was the greatest among rulers.

He was the least among servants.

He was loved and honored.

Jesus was despised and rejected.

He was gentle and loving.

He made many enemies.

He counseled perfection.

Jesus was a friend of sinners.

He was a joyful companion.

He was a man of sorrows.

He said, “Rejoice.”

Jesus said “Repent.”

“Love God with all your heart.”

“Love your neighbor as yourself.”

“Don’t be anxious.”

“Count the cost.”

“Deny yourself.”

“Ask and receive.”

In him was life.

Jesus died on a cross.

He was a historic person.

He lives today.

He was Jesus of Nazareth.

He is Christ the Lord.



OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Fugue in C Major, BWV 547” | *J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

* DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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!

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

ANTHEM

“Come, We That Love the Lord” | *Robert Lowry (1826-1899), arr. Alice Parker (1925-2023)*

Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known:
Join in a song with sweet accord and thus surround the throne.

*Refrain: We're marching to Zion, beautiful Zion,
We're marching upward to Zion, that beautiful city of God.*

Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God:
But children of the heav'nly King may speak their joys abroad.
(Refrain)

Then let our songs abound and ev'ry tear be dry:
We're marching through Emmanuel's land to fairer world's on high.
(Refrain)

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

McDowell Fogle

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

McDowell Fogle

Dy - ing, you de - stroyed our death; ris - ing you re -
stored our life, Lord Je - sus, come in glo - ry. —
— come in glo - ry!

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

McDowell Fogle



SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

All are welcome and all bread is gluten-free

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

“O Bread of Life from Heaven” | *J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

O bread of life from heaven, O food to pilgrims given,
O manna from above: feed with the blessed sweetness
of your divine completeness the souls that want and need your love.
O fount of grace redeeming, O river ever streaming
from Jesus' wounded side: come now, your love bestowing
on thirsting souls, and flowing till all are fully satisfied.
We love you, Jesus, tender, in all your hidden splendor
within these means of grace. Oh, let the veil be riven,
and our clear eye in heaven behold your glory face to face.

HYMN NO. 525

“Let Us Break Bread Together” | *LET US BREAK BREAD*

(Worshippers may sing on cue from leader)

PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

Jesus Christ, our Savior,
we give you thanks for inviting us to your table
and sharing your feast.
May we know that we have been fed with love and grace,
and may we follow you out in the world,
ambassadors of your hope and peace.
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



Let Us Break Bread Together 525



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)

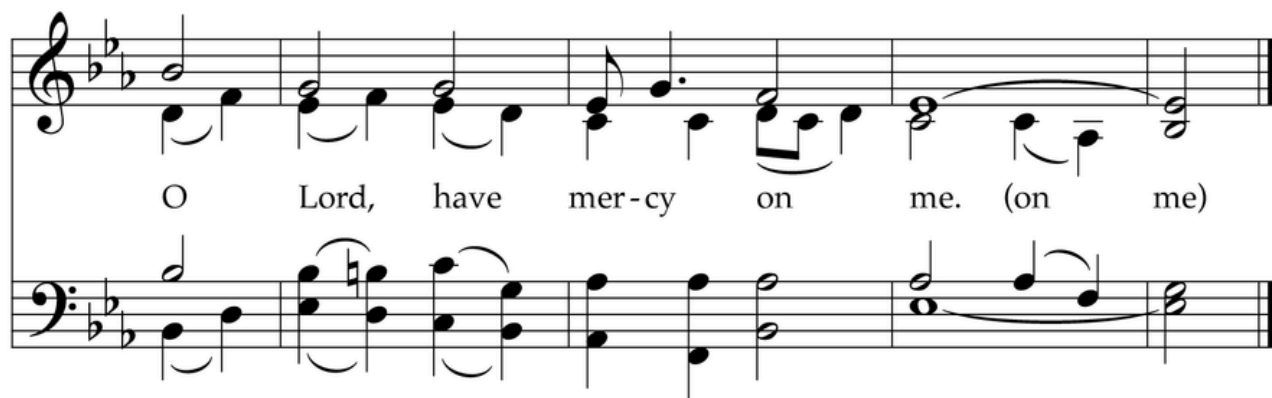


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let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)

Refrain



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,



O Lord, have mer - cy on me. (on me)

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

* **HYMN NO. 645**

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” | *MIT FREUDEN ZART*

* **BLESSING AND CHARGE**

May Jesus Christ,
the way, the truth, and the life,
be with us.

**May the Spirit,
who sustains and dwells within us,
empower us to serve in Christ’s name.**

May God,
who raised Christ from the dead,
keep us forevermore.

Alleluia!

Now friends, go forth to serve in the name of the Lord.

Amen.

RESPONSE

“Just Over in the Glory Land” | *James Acuff (1864-1937)*

I’ve a home prepared where the saints abide,
Over in the gloryland;
And I long to be by my Savior’s side,
Over in the gloryland.

Refrain:

Just over in the gloryland, I’ll join the happy angel band,
Over in the gloryland;
Just over in the gloryland, there with the mighty host I’ll stand,
Over in the gloryland.

I am on my way to those mansions fair,
Over in the gloryland;
There to sing God’s praise, and His glory share,
Over in the gloryland. (*Refrain*)

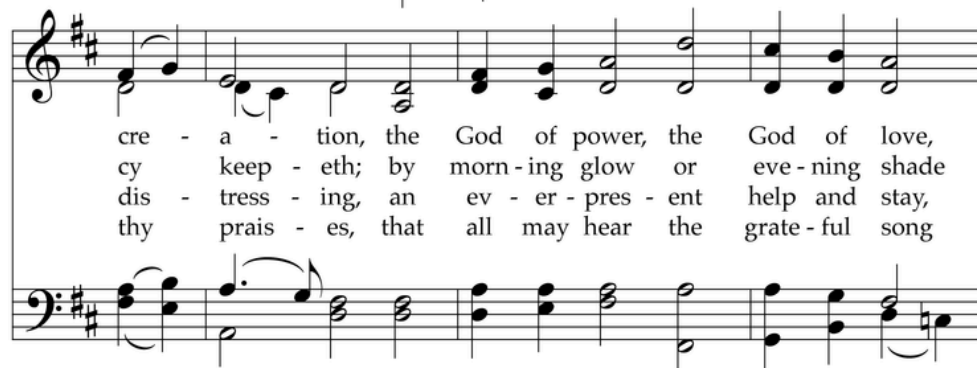
What a joyful thought that my Lord I’ll see,
Over in the gloryland;
And with kindred saved, there forever I’ll be,
Over in the gloryland. (*Refrain*)



645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above



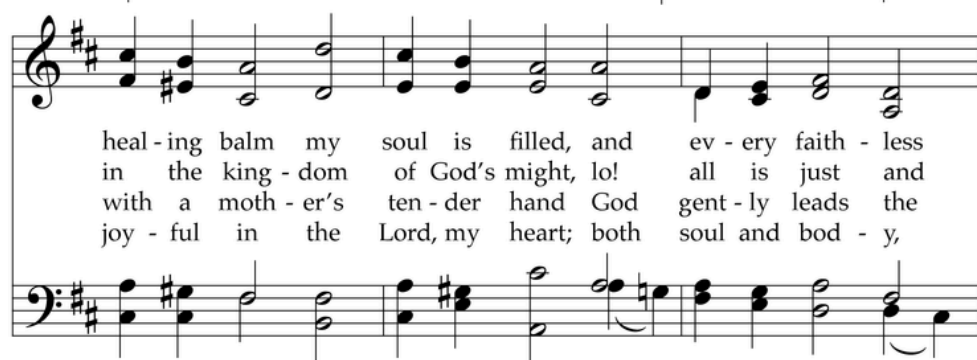
1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all
2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -
3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief
4 Thus all my toil - some way a - long I sing a - loud



cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,
cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,
thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song



the God of our sal - va - tion. With
God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -
our peace and joy and bless - ing, as
my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be



heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less
in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and
with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the
joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,



mur - mur stilled:
all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry!
cho - sen band:
take your part:

IN WORSHIP

Our three sung responses during the Great Prayer of Thanksgiving - "Holy, Holy," "Dying You Destroyed Our Death," and "Amen" - were composed by Louisville, Kentucky native MacDowell Fogle. He holds degrees in organ performance and choral conducting from the University of Louisville and the Manhattan School of Music. Fogle currently serves as the Director of Music for the Episcopal Church of St. Paul the Apostle, Savannah, Georgia, and as chorusmaster of the Savannah Philharmonic Chorus.

Today's service concludes with the gospel hymn "Just Over in the Glory Land." Written by James Acuff in 1906, the hymn became a staple in revival meetings and church hymnals in the first half of the 20th century. The text reflects the joyful anticipation of being with Christ in glory. It describes the believer's longing to dwell in the presence of the Lord, joined with saints and angels in eternal praise. Its imagery reflects John 14:2-3, part of today's Gospel lesson, painting a picture of heaven not as an abstract idea but as a real home prepared for God's people. The hymn is akin to African American spirituals in that it inspires joy and assurance in Christians who look forward to the day when they will cross from the struggles of this world into the glory of God's eternal kingdom. The sixth of seven children, James Acuff (1864-1937), spent his entire life in the hill country of central Texas. He became a beloved song-leader and hymn writer among the Churches of Christ throughout the southwest and is credited with writing several gospel songs in his fifty-year career.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*
Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*
Marko Petričić | *Organ*
Chancel Choir
Russell Wareham | *Guitar*

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Events and Announcements

Summer Fun Volunteers | Wednesdays in June | 5:00 - 8:15 pm

Volunteers are the backbone of Summer Fun, and signup is available now! Use the QR code to register for various positions through Civic Champs. Registration for children will begin soon.



Grief Support Group | Starting May 4 | 1:00 - 3:00 pm

This six-week group is free for adults who are grieving the death of a loved one. Providing a supportive, confidential, and compassionate environment, all are welcome to share as they feel comfortable. Learn more today.



NPC Knits | May 4 | 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Join us in the Gathering Place on Tuesday, May 4th, for knitting, crocheting, and a dash of social justice. Bring your needles, yarn, and friends. All people and skill levels welcome!



“Embodied Prayer” Series | Starting May 5 | 11:15 am - 12:00 pm

Join us in the chapel for a three-week series starting May 5th to engage in a variety of spiritual practices and prayer formats designed to deepen your sense of God’s presence in your life. Contact Mary Beth Riner for more info!



Yoga Workshops | May 8 | 12:15 - 2:15 pm

These two-hour intensives take place on the second Friday of the month and focus on a different subject. Sign up today for the May 8th workshop, “Yoga for Hip Strength and Mobility.”



Youth Group Pool Party | May 17 | 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Pool Party at the Crook's House! Come ready to swim (bathing suit, towel, etc.), and dinner will be provided. Family and friends welcome! Sign up using the QR code and email Emma Moore for address information.



Theology on Tap | May 21 | 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Pull up a chair, grab a beverage, and enjoy deep/lively/fun/light/meaningful conversation on four Thursdays this summer. Learn more by scanning the QR codes. All are welcome to join, even if you don’t RSVP!



Mission Team Move-In Kits Collection

From April through June, the Mission Team is collecting a wide range of items to build three Streets to Home move-in kits! You're invited to sign up to donate specific items using the QR code or you may consider a monetary donation.



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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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