



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Ascension of the Lord | May 17, 2026 | 10:00 am

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

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Praeludium in C Major, BuxWV 137" | Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

* LITANY FOR THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Clap your hands, all you peoples;

shout to God with songs of joy.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

God has gone up with a shout,

the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

God is ruler over all the earth;

the Lord reigns on a holy throne.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

God put power to work in Christ,

raising him from the dead.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Jesus Christ is Lord!

Glory to God in the highest.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

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Most High God, we are witnesses:
to the life of Jesus Christ our Lord:
written in the Law,
promised by the prophets,
sung by the psalmists;
given in love for the world,
risen from the dust of death,
lifted up in heavenly glory.

Let our lives proclaim Christ's life.

**Draw us into your presence
that we may worship you always,
continually blessing your name;
through Jesus Christ our Savior
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forevermore.
Amen.**

* **HYMN NO. 264**

"At the Name of Jesus" | *KING'S WESTON*

* **CALL TO CONFESSION**

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Almighty God,
you have raised Jesus from death to life,
and crowned him Lord of all.
We confess that we have not bowed before him,
or acknowledged his rule in our lives.
We have gone along with the ways of the world,
and failed to give him glory.**

**Forgive us,
and raise us from sin,
that we may be your faithful people,
obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who rules the world
and is head of the church, his body.**

* **SILENT CONFESSION**

* **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Siblings in Christ,
as Christ is our witness,
God's power to pardon is immeasurable.
Therefore, proclaim this good news to the ends of the earth:
through the mercy of Christ, our sins are forgiven.
Forgiven and freed, we rejoice in Christ's love.



At the Name of Jesus

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1 At the name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,
2 Hum - bled for a sea - son to re - ceive a name
3 Bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,
4 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,



ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;
from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,
through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,
with his Fa - ther's glo - ry o'er the earth to reign;



'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord,
faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,
to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast,
for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,



who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;
filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.
and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

* **GLORIA PATRI**

John Weaver (1937-2021)



Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly
Spir - it, as it was in the _ be - gin - ning, is _
now, and will be for ev - er. A - men, a - men, a - men.

* **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 AND RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

Children are dismissed to Church School

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON | GOSPEL

Luke 24: 44-54 | NT. p 91, Spark Bible p. 496

SECOND LESSON | HISTORY

Acts 1: 1-11 | NT p. 118, Spark Bible p. 496

SERMON

"Look Out" | Brian Shivers



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

HYMN NO. 488

"I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry" | WATERLIFE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father 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

OFFERTORY

"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.

O sing praises unto our God:
O sing praises unto our King.
For God is the King of all the earth:
Sing ye praises with understanding.
O clap your hands together all ye people.

(Psalm 47)

* DOXOLOGY

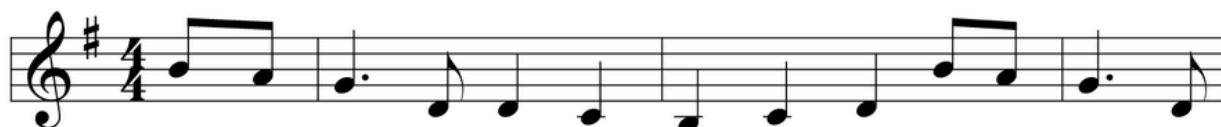
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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING



488 I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry



1 "I was there to hear your born - ing cry; I'll be there when
2 "When you heard the won - der of the Word, I was there to
3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no



you are old. I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to
cheer you on. You were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord to
lon - ger young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, com -



see your life un - fold. I was there when you were but a
whom you now be - long. If you find some - one to share your
plete what I've be - gun. When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es



child with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of
time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to
in and you shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as



light you wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell."
make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
I have al - ways been with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born - ing cry; I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold."

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN

"God Has Gone Up with Shouts of Joy!" | MIT FREUDEN ZART

1 God has gone up with shouts of joy! Christ claims the throne of
2 Christ has gone up, still bear-ing wounds, still bound to race and
3 Christ has gone up! Now Christ in us leads all the world to

glo - ry: im - mor - tal Word in mor - tal flesh to share with
gen - der; his roy - al robe all crim-son blood; his tri - umph
glo - ry. The Word finds voice on Fier - y Breath; our lives re -

God our sto - ry of hu - mans lost to death and sin who
all sur - ren - der. Now we, though bound to who we are, can
late the sto - ry of how God went through death and hell that

ache to be in - vit - ed in to Love's e - ter - nal bless - ing.
fol - low, with our pain and scars, to Love's e - ter - nal bless - ing.
we might have Em - man - u - el and Love's e - ter - nal bless - ing.

* **BLESSING AND CHARGE**

Now friends, may the glory of God fill us with praise,
the beauty of Christ strengthen us in service,
and the power of the Holy Spirit fill us with peace.

**God's spirit is poured out upon us
to make our hearts strong with love and bold with praise
that we may proclaim God's Son to the ends of the earth.**

CHORAL RESPONSE

"Come Away to the Skies" | *EXULTATION*, arr. Alice Parker (1925-2023)

Come away to the skies, my beloved arise,
And rejoice in the day thou wast born,
On this festival day come exulting away,
And with singing to Zion return.

We have laid up our love and our treasures above,
Though our bodies continue below;
The redeemed of the Lord will remember His word,
And with singing to Paradise go.

Hallelujah, we sing to our Father and King,
And His rapturous praises repeat;
To the Lamb that was slain, Hallelujah again;
Sing all heaven, and fall at his feet!



IN WORSHIP

The opening hymn, No. 264 “At the Name of Jesus,” was written by Caroline Noel (1817-1877). A native of Kent, England, she was the daughter of Anglican priest Gerard Noel, also a hymn writer. The hymn, originally published with eight stanzas, vividly portrays the contrast between Christ’s exalted state and his suffering in his incarnation and passion. A unique sidelight to the hymn – after Noel’s death, her family requested hymnal editors to revise the opening line from “At the name of Jesus” to “In the name of Jesus ” to no avail. The tune, KING’S WESTON, was written by Ralph Vaughan Williams in 1925 specifically for this text. Vaughan Williams (1872 - 1958) was the most prolific British composer since Henry Purcell (1659 - 1695), writing nine symphonies, concertos for various instruments, chamber works, film music, and songs. His ashes are interred in Westminster Abbey, near Henry Purcell.

This morning’s Offertory, “O Clap Your Hands,” is a 1973 setting of Psalm 47 by the English composer John Rutter (born 1945). Rutter sets the Psalm in an exuberant manner for four-part chorus and gives the organ a flamboyant part. 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 WORSHIP LEADERS

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*

Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*

Marko Petričić | *Organ*

Bo Walker | *Elder*

Emma Moore | *Youth Ministry Coordinator*

Chancel Choir

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Events and Announcements

Foam Party to Celebrate Graduates | Today | 11:30 am

Join us following worship for a foam party celebrating our graduating seniors! We'll meet on the south patio outside the narthex for some foam, fun, and ice cream sandwiches. All are welcome!

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. Parents, siblings, and friends are welcome. Sign up using the QR code and email Emma Moore for address information.



“Embodied Prayer” Series | May 19 | 11:15 am - 12:00 pm

Join us in the chapel 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!



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

Pull up a chair, grab a beverage, and enjoy some conversation with pastors Karen and Brian on four Thursdays this summer! Please RSVP using the QR code, so we have a general count, but feel free to join us even if you don't!



NPC Knits | June 1 & 6 | 1:00-3:00 pm & 9:45-11:45 am

Join us in June for some knitting or crocheting with a dash of social justice! Bring your needles, yarn, and friends. All people and skill levels welcome! Contact Jill de las Alas for more information.



Summer Fun: Do Justice | Wednesdays in June | 5:15 - 8:15 pm

Dig into the concept of Justice this summer with Summer Fun! This free program is open to children aged 3 through 5th grade, with childcare available for volunteers and families. Learn more and register today!



Grief Support Group | Mondays Through June 8 | 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.



April - June Mission Team 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.



2026 Graduating Class

Amaya Angotti

Amaya is graduating from INCA -Indiana Connections Academy and going to IU Bloomington in the fall for Exploratory Studies.

Mika Asende

Mika is graduating from North Central High School only three years after coming to the United States from Congo. While at North Central, Mika played soccer and enjoyed economics class the most. He works at Starbucks at St. Vincent Hospital, where he provides fuel for healthcare workers and patients.

Grayson Auer

Grayson Auer is graduating from Cathedral High School and heading to Indiana University, where he plans to major in Sports Marketing & Management with a minor in Business. At Cathedral, he made his mark as a three-year football manager, a key contributor on the Rugby team, and a dedicated member of the National Honor Society. His service project – renovating the preschool playroom at Northminster alongside David Scheuermann – remains one of his proudest accomplishments. Grayson is deeply grateful for the support, guidance, and community he has found at Northminster throughout his journey.

Sam Banks

Sam is graduating from North Central High School. He is attending Indiana University, majoring in psychology with a focus in sports psychology. During high school he has enjoyed playing soccer, meeting new friends, and playing pickleball. He is grateful for the family he has been able to build at Northminster. While leaving high school and Indy is sad. He is excited for the opportunity to attend college in the fall.

Valerie Boak

Valerie is graduating from Brebeuf Jesuit as a member of the National Honor Society and will be attending Wheaton College (Massachusetts) in the fall. She plans to study Psychology and continue working with sculpture.

Kendra Cooley

Kendra Cooley is graduating from Warren Central High School. She plans to attend Ball State University, majoring in Elementary Education. During her time in high school, she devoted eight years of her life to Color Guard, where she was captain for three years, participated in NHS, and spent her senior year as a cadet teacher in a Warren Township classroom. She is grateful for all of the support she's felt being a part of the Northminster community throughout her time here.

I have enjoyed my high school years, but I can't wait to attend BSU in the fall. My goal is to graduate with my bachelor's in Elementary Education, and hopefully soon return for my master's. Although I will dearly miss my friends and family from home, I am so excited to create new memories with so many amazing people with a similar dream to mine. Chirp Chirp!!!

Julia Crook

Julia is graduating from Carmel High School with the International Baccalaureate Diploma. She will be attending Purdue University, School of Nursing, in the fall. During high school, she has enjoyed volunteering with the National Charity League, being involved with Unified Sports, spending time with friends, and babysitting. She is excited to make new friends, study nursing, and become a Boilermaker!

Jackie Gritton

Jackie Gritton is graduating from North Central High School and plans to attend the University of Colorado Boulder in the fall. In high school, she has enjoyed competing in show choir and working in wardrobe for theater productions. She will miss her family and friends but is so excited to make the most of her opportunities at college. She's incredibly grateful for all the support she has from loved ones and the Northminster community.

Carson Holtgrave

Carson graduated Cum Laude from Vincennes University with an Associate degree in Cybersecurity and will also be graduating with Honors from Ben Davis High School. During his time in high school, he has enjoyed playing the French Horn in the concert band and playing League of Legends on the eSports Team. He plans to attend Indiana University Indianapolis, majoring in Forensic Science with the goal of becoming a Crime Scene Investigator.

Kate Klinginsmith

Kate is graduating from Carmel High School. She plans to attend Ball State University, majoring in Pre-Med with a concentration in Neuroscience. During her time in high school, Kate enjoyed the challenge of balancing academics with athletics. She is excited to continue her soccer career at the Division 1 collegiate level as a Cardinal and is proud to have been accepted into Ball State's Honors College. She is incredibly grateful for the support of her family, teachers, coaches, and the entire community who helped her reach this next chapter.

Oliver Lutzke

Oliver is graduating from Irvington Preparatory Academy as the Class of 2026 salutatorian and a member of the inaugural College Acceleration Workshop cohort. A thoughtful and engaged student, he has been active in band, art club, movie club, and D&D club, and he has spent the past two years serving his community through his work at the Irvington branch of the Indianapolis Public Library. Between his junior and senior years, Oliver was selected for the Rising Leaders Program at the O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs—an experience that solidified his commitment to environmental stewardship and public service. That passion continues to guide him today as he completes the Indiana Master Naturalist program through the Indiana DNR, deepening his knowledge of Indiana's ecosystems and conservation practices. This fall, Oliver will attend Indiana University Bloomington as a Hutton Honors College student, pursuing Environmental Science through the O'Neill School. He is eager to continue growing as a leader who cares for people, place, and the planet.

Keane Ricchiuto

Keane is graduating from Herron High School and will be attending the University of Denver, majoring in political science. At Herron, he was Senior Class President and a 4-year varsity captain and catcher on the baseball team. He also played tennis, which he coaches (along with pickleball) at the Riviera Club. You can find Keane many nights working as a Crew Lead at AMC Castleton. He deeply appreciates all the support he has received from NPC over the years and is looking forward to attending his fifth and final Montreat Youth Conference in June.

David Scheuermann

David Lawrence Scheuermann is graduating from Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School. He plans to attend Arizona State University and major in Business with a concentration in Supply Chain Management. During his time in high school, he has participated in football, baseball, golf, and worked at AYS. I have enjoyed high school, and I am excited to attend ASU. I am very thankful for all the support I have received from everybody at Northminster.

Elliot Winkler

Elliot is graduating from North Central and will attend Indiana State University, where he plans to study Sales and Marketing. Throughout high school, he participated in show choir and scouting, achieving the rank of Eagle Scout in February. He is excited for the next leg of his journey in college!

Stella Shannon

Stella is graduating from Earlham College with a major in Environmental Sustainability and a minor in Mathematics. Stella played soccer all four years and basketball during her senior year. Stella was part of a dance club called Dance Alloy. In her future, Stella plans to find a job that's sustainability-related and hopes to work in either conservation or restoration!

Ian Clarke

If you're reading this on May 17th, I am graduating from Austin Seminary TODAY! It has been a time & a half finishing seminary, in the best way. This place and my experiences at it have been a revelation for both my own personal faith as well as for my pastoral identity and leadership. To sum up the time with some specifically school-related highlights:

- Did the Dual-language degree track, which included learning both Greek & Hebrew. Took Exodus, Amos, and Revelation exegesis courses, which involved reading & interpreting these texts in their respective languages (so you can guess which language I liked more)
- Was an Instructional Aide [read: teacher's assistant] for both Hebrew language and Intro to Worship for two years
- Was introduced to the works of Karl Barth, Gordon Lathrop, Calvin, Augustine, Renita Weems, Elizabeth Johnson, James Cone, Monica Coleman, Catherine Keller & so many more.
- Was student group leader of both the Chess Club & the Soccer Club
- Was voted a Student Representative to the Worship Committee for two years
- Had many a theological conversation at the local Crown & Anchor Pub

Next steps are being finalized as we speak. I will [likely] be ordained in early 2027, after I pass these exams! In the meantime, I will remain at Triumphant Love Lutheran Church until the beginning of August, when I'll be starting my role as Pastoral Resident in Fort Wayne, IN.

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Valerie Boak
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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