



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost | June 30, 2024, 10:00 am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"The Victorian Kitchen Garden Suite" | *Paul Reade (1943-1997)*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God invites us here today to say:

Excel in generosity.

God invites us here today to say:

Become poor, that you might be rich in spirit.

God invites us here today to say:

Love each other.

God invites us here today to say:

Do not fear.

Let us worship the God who summons us,

who nurtures us, and who sees us through all of life.

*HYMN NO. 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" | *ST. ANNE*

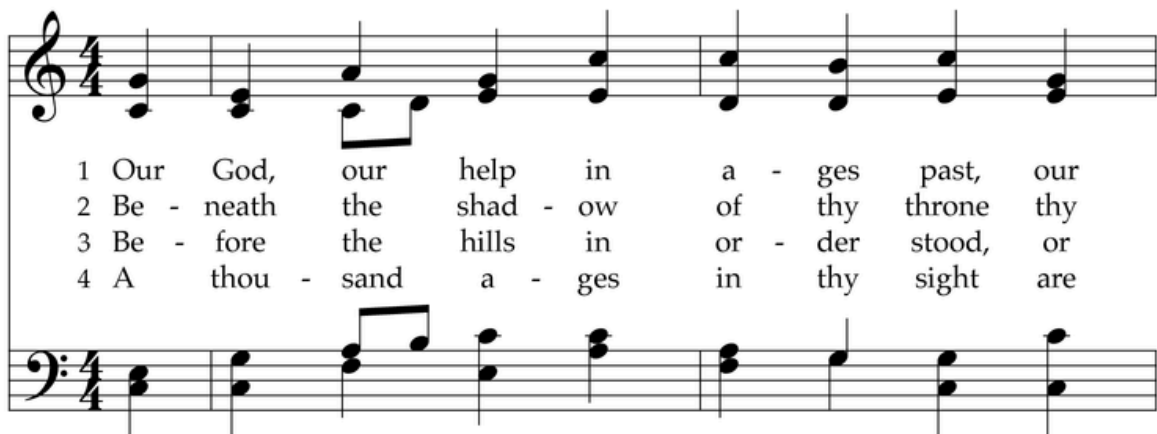
*CALL TO CONFESSION

**For those who are able, please stand.*



687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)



1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our
 2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are



hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that



storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
 bears all our years away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the opening day.
- 6 Our God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 be thou our guard while life shall last,
 and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God,
you shower us with blessings, with chances to know your grace.
Still, O Lord, we twist your promises and pray
for blessings we can own.
You call us to leave our selfish ways and
follow your call to compassion.
Still, O Lord, we choose shallow belief over
transformative faith.
You have told us that your love is enough,
that the waters of mercy will not run dry.
Still, O Lord, we choose fear instead of trust,
hiding behind the illusion that we can survive
on our own.

Forgive us, Holy One, and by your forgiveness,
offer us a chance to try again.

*SILENT CONFESSION

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

There is no sin God cannot forgive.
But ours is to see it, admit it, own it, and turn from it.
This is true repentance.
Siblings in Christ – we are forgiven.
Let us live as those who are freed from the misery of our sin.

*RESPONSE

“Glory and Gratitude and Praise” | IONA COMMUNITY

Glo - ry and gra - ti - tude and praise now let earth to
hea - ven raise. Glo - ry and gra - ti - tude and praise:
these we of - fer to God.

*For those who are able, please stand.



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 Summer Playtime

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON | GOSPEL

Mark 5: 21-43 (p. 39-40)

SECOND LESSON | PSALMS

2 Corinthians 8: 1-15 (p. 183)

SERMON

"Economy of Grace" | *Brian Shivers*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN NO. 320

"The Church of Christ in Every Age" | *WAREHAM*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE


THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the
power and the glory, forever. Amen.

**For those who are able, please stand.*



320 The Church of Christ in Every Age



1 The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
4 For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
be - dience to our Lord: to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
out re - serve, and spread Christ's lib - er - at - ing word.

In this challenging text by a British Methodist minister, the odd-numbered stanzas develop the image of "the servant church," while the second surveys the many needs and the fourth describes the true source of strength for the task.

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

"Meditation" | *Charles Callahan (b. 1951)*

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" | *OLD 100th*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all peoples here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore:
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN NO. 716

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" | *BEACH SPRING*

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

And now friends, as we go,
continue to excel in everything.
Serve with eagerness, faith, and love.

We seek to share the best that we know.

We want to pass on the love we have received.

Dare to be generous with your time and resources.

We are eager to reach out with helping hands.

Your faith is making you well.

God is equipping you. Go in peace.

Together, we have been empowered.

Apart, we will continue to know God's guiding presence.

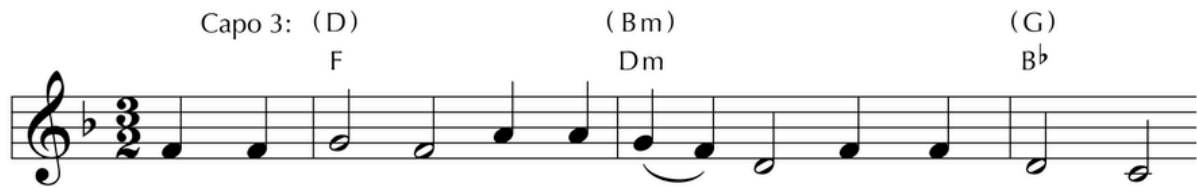
POSTLUDE

"Adagio" (from *The Seasons*) | *Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741), arr. Drummond Wolff*

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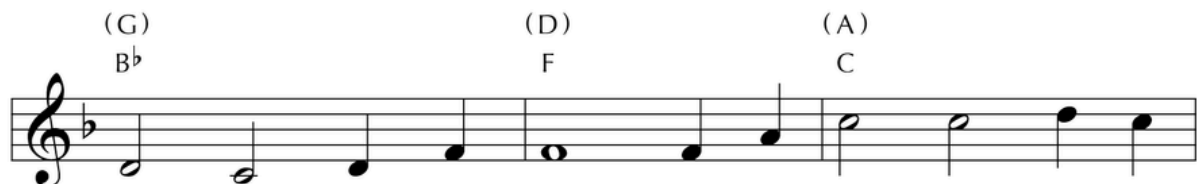
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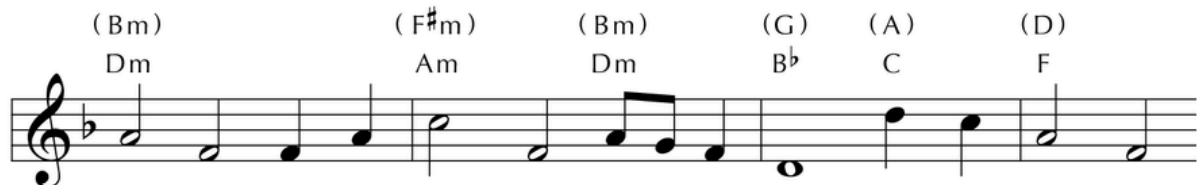
1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your



end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly
 Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es
 grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to



cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn
 joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
 spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in



to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall
 la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,
 shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,



rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
 make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
 and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

IN WORSHIP

The hymn following the sermon, No. 320 “The Church of Christ in Every Age,” was written in 1969 by British Methodist minister and hymnwriter Fred Pratt Green (1903 – 2000). Originally titled “The Caring Church,” the hymn reminds us that the church’s care is not primarily to be directed inward toward itself but outward to the needs of the world. The fourth stanza reiterates Christ’s role as sacrifice and example. Stanza five, which begins “We have no mission but to serve,” acts as our statement of resolve to live as a servant church, in deed and word. The tune, WAREHAM, was named after composer William Knapp’s birthplace in England, located in the county of Dorset.

We welcome clarinetist Candice Kiser to today’s service. Ms. Kiser has performed with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, the Akron Symphony Orchestra, the Erie Philharmonic, the Louisiana Philharmonic, the Baton Rouge Symphony, and the Evansville Philharmonic. She has played with the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra for the past 20 years. She currently serves on the faculty of DePauw University. As a studio recording artist, Ms. Kiser has recorded diverse commercial, educational, and religious musical projects, including many for the Hal Leonard Corporation. Ms. Kiser holds a Bachelor of Music Degree in Clarinet Performance from East Carolina University and a Master of Music from the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University. The Roanoke Times praised her playing for her “ravishing dark straight tone, beautiful legato, and dead-on intonation...gorgeous.”

TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*
Clarice Stegall | *Organ*
Candice Kiser | *Clarinet*
Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*

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Events and Announcements

IPS Volunteering Form Assistance | Today

Complete your background check to volunteer! You can also sign up for available volunteer dates. Stop by the Gathering Place following worship today if you need any technical assistance!



Westminster School Supplies Donations | July

The Mission Team is collecting school supplies for Westminster: index cards, pencil sharpeners, pink erasers, packs of college-rule loose-leaf paper for high school students. Our goal is to collect 300 of each!

Back-to-School Supply Event | July 8th - 11th

Northminster is partnering with Second Presbyterian and St. Luke's Methodist to provide volunteers who can sort and pack school supplies during various shifts from Monday, July 8th - Thursday, July 11th. Sign-up using the QR code!



Youth Group Lake Day | July 12th | 8:00 am - 5:30 pm

Join us for a day in and around Grandview Lake hosted by the Ronco Family! We'll provide lunch and have you back to Northminster in time for dinner. Bring a towel, suit, sunscreen, and whatever else you need for a day of water and sun!



Northminster Court Watchers | July 21st | 11:15 am - 12:15 pm

Members acting as Court Watchers meet after worship on Sunday, July 21st to discuss their court experiences. If you're interested in learning more about court watchers, please contact Susan Holewinski or Karen Herbst-Kim.

Theology on Tap | July 24th & August 22nd | 7:30 - 9:30 pm

Come join your pastors for a relaxed conversation around faith and spirituality as we discuss issues facing our lives today. We'll meet at Blind Owl Brewery (5014 E. 62nd St) on July 24th. Pre-registration is not required but is helpful!



2025 Kenya Trip Interest Meeting | July 28th | 11:15 am

Are you interested in learning more about the Umoja Partnership with a trip to Kenya in 2025? Please plan to attend an interest/informational meeting on Sunday, July 28th following worship. Contact Karen Herbst-Kim with questions.

Youth Group at the State Fair | August 4th | 4:00 - 7:00 pm

Youth are invited to join us at the Indiana State Fair! We'll meet at the Shannon home, then walk to the fairgrounds. Bring \$13 for admission and extra money for food, games, or rides. Parents and grown-ups are welcome! Contact Emma Moore for details.

Outdoor Worship & Lunch | August 11th

Outdoor worship at Northminster returns on August 11th! You're invited to bring your own lawn chairs, blankets, and friends for this special service. Lunch will be provided following worship and registration will soon be available to help us plan food.

Additional events and information can be found on our website at northminster.church/events

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Stephen Ministry Leader

Rod Mail
Stephen Ministry Leader

Donald R. Durrett
Associate Pastor Emeritus

Teri Thomas
Pastor Emerita

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

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