



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost | July 27, 2025, 10:00 am

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

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Praeludium in G Minor" | Franz Tunder (1614-1667)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Ask and it will be given to you,
search and you will surely find,
knock and the door will be opened,
for the Lord our God is faithful.
Let us worship God.

* HYMN NO. 275

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God" | EIN FESTE BURG

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ever-faithful God,
we often turn away from you,
yet you remain constant to us.
We run from you, but you call us back.
In our words and deeds we dishonor you,
yet you still profess your love for us.
We cut ourselves off from you and from others,
but you will not let us go.

Forgive our faithless and fickle ways
and increase our gratitude,
that we might grow in faithfulness to you.

* SILENT CONFESSION



275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark-ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
 truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear the good news!

When we were buried with Christ in baptism,
we were also raised with Christ through faith
in the power of God.

**By that power we are made clean and set free
to live in gratitude and love with zeal.**

We have received Christ Jesus,
let us continue to live our lives
rooted and built up in Christ
and abounding in thanksgiving.

* RESPONSE

"We Are Forgiven" | Hal Hopson

We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to
God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en. We are for -
giv - en. Thanks be to God. — Thanks be to God.

* 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

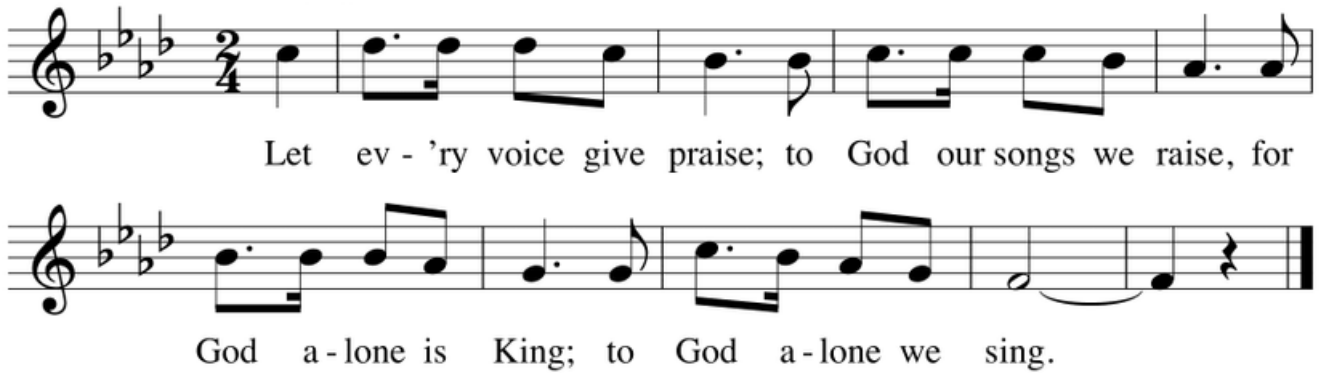
(Offerings added to the Joyful Noise Pail are for mission partner Heifer International)

Children are dismissed to Summer Playtime

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON | PSALMS

Psalm 138



SECOND LESSON | GOSPEL

Luke 11: 1-13 | NT p. 72

SERMON

"Teach Us To Pray" | Karen Herbst-Kim

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN

"Ask the Complicated Questions" | *RESTORATION*

1. Ask the com - pli - cat - ed ques - tions,
2. Seek the dis - con - cert - ing an - swers,
3. Knock on doors of new i - de - as,
4. For in strug - gle we dis - cov - er

do not fear to be found out; for our God makes
fol - low where the Spir - it blows; test com - pet - ing
test as - sump - tions long grown stale; for Christ calls from
truth both sim - ple and pro - found; in the knock - ing,

strong our weak - ness, forg - ing faith in fires of doubt.
truths for wis - dom, for in ten - sion new life grows.
shores of won - der, dar - ing us to try and fail.
ask - ing, seek - ing, we are o - pened, an - swered, found.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

From the New Zealand Prayer Book

Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe;
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world;
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trial too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"The Lord's Prayer" | *Albert Hay Malotte (1895-1964)*

* 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!

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

* HYMN NO. 753

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" | *PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS*

753 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Prayer of St. Francis

D Bm A7 D Em A7



1 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
 2 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
 4 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It

D Bm G Em A7



there is ha-tred, let me bring your love. Where
 there's de-spair in life, let me bring hope. Where
 is in par-don-ing that we are par-doned, in

there is in-ju-ry, your par-don, Lord, and
 there is dark-ness, on-ly light, and
 giv-ing of our-selves that we re-ceive, and in

1 2, 4 (Fine)



where there's doubt, true faith in you.
 where there's sad-ness, ev-er joy.
 dy-ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life.

G Em D Bm



3 O, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek so

Em A7 D A7 D D7



much to be con-soled as to con-sole, to be

un-der-stood as to un-der-stand, to be

to Stanza 4

E E7 A E A7



loved as to love with all my soul.

Though popular opinion credits this prayer to Francis of Assisi, the earliest known printing was in a French religious magazine in 1912. Yet that gentle saint's spirit seems evident in these words, a quality that has spurred many paraphrases and musical settings such as this one.

* BLESSING AND CHARGE

May the grace of Christ attend you,
the love of God surround you,
and the Holy Spirit keep you,
this day and forevermore.

Friends, as you depart,
remember, God strengthens you.
Search and ask.

**May we discover open doors and good gifts given.
Let us rejoice in God's faithful presence!
Amen.**

POSTLUDE

"II Andantino (from *Fantasy Piece*, Op. 51)" | *Louis Vierne* (1870-1937)

IN WORSHIP

Psalm 138 is a song of thanksgiving for God's saving acts. After first praising the Lord for answering prayer, the psalmist expresses a desire that all the rulers of earth be moved to add their praise to God ("The rulers of the earth shall name you Lord indeed!"). The psalm closes with the confidence in God's continued care. This arrangement was written by Hal Hopson, who passed away last week. Hopson (1933 – 2025) was one of the most prolific composers of church music of his generation, with more than 1800 published works for 30 publishers. He wrote music for congregations; children, youth, and adult choirs; soloists; and a variety of instruments, including organ, piano, brass, and handbells. He was instrumental in the Presbyterian Church's recovery of singing psalms in worship. As a recipient of many honors for his distinguished service to music, Hopson was listed in the *International Who's Who in Music*, Cambridge, England. He served on the national boards of the Presbyterian Association of Musicians, Choristers Guild, and the Church Music Institute. His cantata "God with Us," was chosen during the American Bicentennial in 1976 for placement in a time capsule to be opened and performed at the Tercentennial in 2076.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*

Marko Petričić | *Organ*

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*

Elisabeth Kleinsmith | *Soloist*

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Events and Announcements

Dudes Mind-Body-Spirit Series | July 31st | 7:00 pm

Join us on Ralston Commons for a series aimed at those identifying as male! Topics include the redefinition of masculinity, toxic masculinity, and the commodification of mental, spiritual, and physical health.



Kenya Trip Informational Meeting | August 3rd | 11:15 am - 12:15 pm

NPC will travel to Kenya in June 2026 to visit and learn from our friends at The Umoja Partnership! Learn more by scanning the QR code and please plan to attend the informational meeting on August 3rd!



Beatles Yoga Block Party | August 9th | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Join us on Ralston Commons where you can enjoy some music by Fab Too, free coffee, and, if you're so inclined, get your yoga fix! Olga Keegan will lead an all-levels yoga flow. No registration is required!

Theology on Tap | August 10th | 7:00 pm

Join Pastors Brian and Karen at Binkley's, to hang out, grab a cold beverage (of any type), and engage with deeper theological topics. Fill out the optional (but helpful!) registration by scanning the QR code.



Peace/Power/Privilege Concert | August 16th | 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Join the Circle City Chamber Choir for their free summer feature concert! Peace, Power, and Privilege themes will be explored through choral works by Saunder Choi, Kim André Arnesen, Rosephanye Powell, and others.



Outdoor Worship and Picnic | August 17th | 10:00 am

Outdoor worship is back on Sunday, August 17th, and includes a picnic lunch! Register today using the QR code to the right or by visiting our events page. There is no fee for lunch, but a free-will offering is encouraged!



Community Health Network Grief Group | Starts Aug. 4th | 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Northminster is excited to welcome CHN for a 6-week, in-person grief support group starting Monday, August 4th from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. This free group, facilitated by grief experts, provides a safe, supportive space.



Northminster Labyrinth | Open Until August 14th

The labyrinth is currently open in the Chapel and will be available through August 14th. There is information on the history of labyrinths available at the entrance and all ages are welcome.

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



This summer, Northminster is joining faith communities across Central Indiana in a powerful effort to end chronic homelessness through the **STREETS TO HOME Initiative.**

This bold partnership—between the City of Indianapolis, The Indianapolis Foundation, CHIP (the Coalition for Homelessness Intervention and Prevention), and faith, corporate, and philanthropic partners—**will provide permanent housing and support services for 350 of our most vulnerable neighbors by June 2026.**

The public and private sectors have stepped up, and the faith community has pledged to raise \$270,000 to help make this vision real, and Northminster is committed to doing our part!

HERE'S HOW NORTHMINSTER WILL JOIN THE EFFORT:

- ▶ **Northminster will make a donation as a congregation, you will be invited to participate in the coming weeks.** The weekend of August 15th – 17th, Northminster will join faith communities across Central Indiana as part of a region-wide moment of hope and action. Donations from dozens of local congregations will be made toward the Streets to Home Indy initiative. More information will be available soon!
- ▶ **Join us for a free kickoff screening** of *Beyond the Bridge: A Solution to Homelessness* at St. Luke's UMC on Thursday, August 14th at 6:00 pm.



**STREETS
TO HOME
INDY**

*Faith Community
Initiative*

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Tony Dzwonar
Stephen Ministry Leader

Rod Mail
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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.

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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