



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost | August 3, 2025, 10:00 am

(*For those who are able, please stand)

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Christians, We Have Met for Worship" | *HOLY MANNA*, arr. Brant Adams

* CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 95

O come, let us sing to the Lord
and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,
singing joyful songs of praise.

* HYMN NO. 653

"Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries" | *MORNING SONG*

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
in your gracious presence
we confess our sin and the sin of this world.
Although Christ is among us as our peace,
we are a people divided against ourselves
as we cling to the values of a broken world.
The profit and pleasures we pursue
lay waste the land and pollute the seas.
The fears and jealousies that we harbor
set neighbor against neighbor
and nation against nation.

We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,
of intellect and reason,
and have turned them into bonds of oppression.

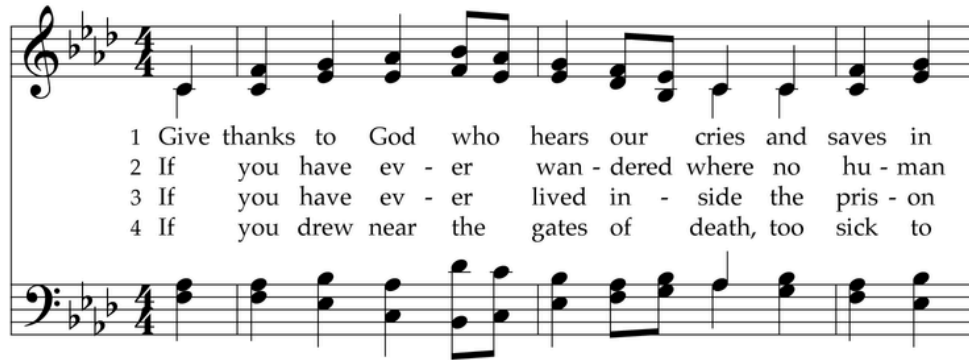
Lord, have mercy upon us;
heal and forgive us.
Set us free to serve you in the world
as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

* SILENT CONFESSION

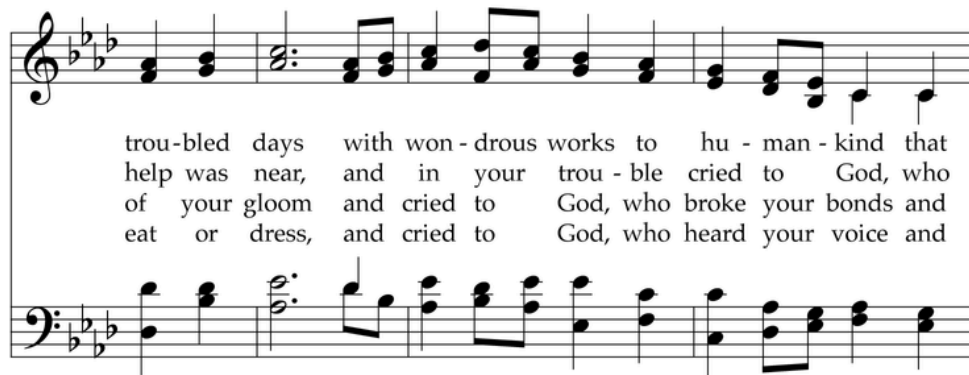


Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries

(Psalm 107)



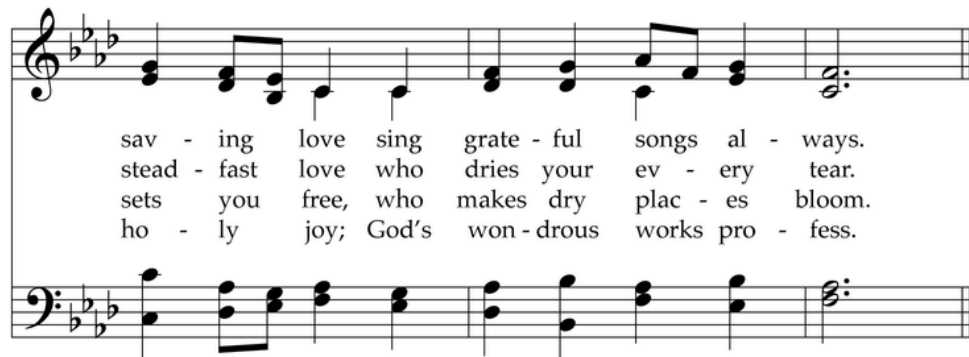
1 Give thanks to God who hears our cries and saves in
 2 If you have ev - er wan - dered where no hu - man
 3 If you have ev - er lived in - side the pris - on
 4 If you drew near the gates of death, too sick to



trou - bled days with won - drous works to hu - man - kind that
 help was near, and in your trou - ble cried to God, who
 of your gloom and cried to God, who broke your bonds and
 eat or dress, and cried to God, who heard your voice and



call for high - est praise. Let all who know God's
 res - cued you from fear, then thank the God of
 raised you from your tomb, then praise the One who
 healed all your dis - tress, then sing with sounds of



sav - ing love sing grate - ful songs al - ways.
 stead - fast love who dries your ev - ery tear.
 sets you free, who makes dry plac - es bloom.
 ho - ly joy; God's won - drous works pro - fess.

The singing of psalm paraphrases is the most long-standing musical practice in Reformed tradition, dating from John Calvin's own congregation in Geneva in the 16th century. This recent paraphrase of Psalm 107 illustrates the interpretive flexibility that is a hallmark of the form.

* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news!

Hope does not disappoint us,

**for God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism.**

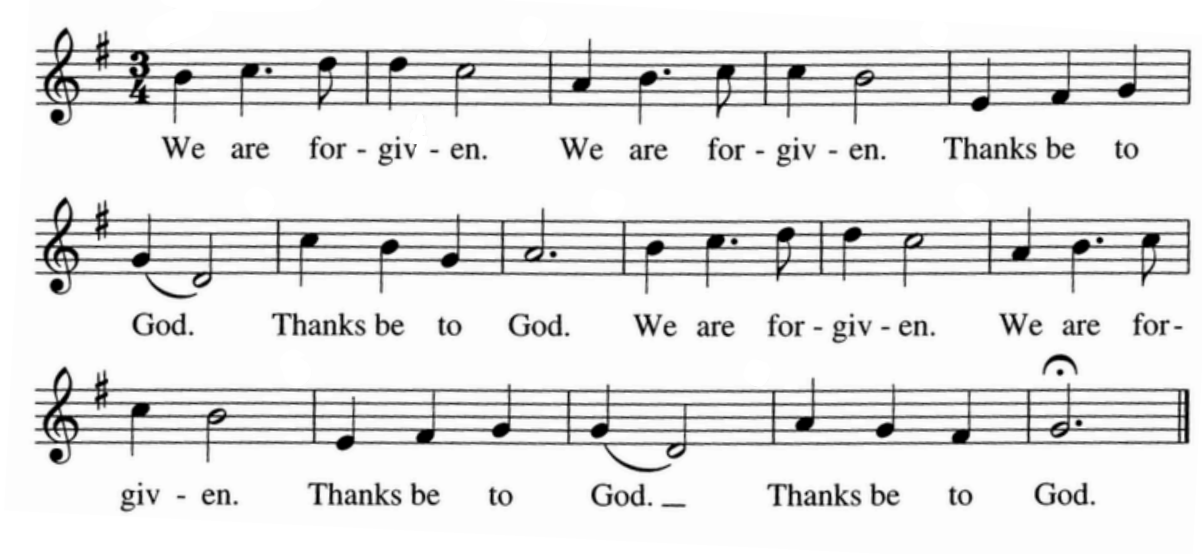
Believe this good news and give thanks;

in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Let us live as those forgiven and freed.

* RESPONSE

"We Are Forgiven" | Hal Hopson



WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

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

Preschoolers are dismissed to Summer Playtime

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON | PSALMS

Psalm 49: 1-12 | OT p. 518-519

SECOND LESSON | PSALMS

Psalm 107: 1-9, 43

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,
God's steadfast love endures forever.

**Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
those God redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.**

Some wandered in desert wastes,
finding no way to an inhabited town;
hungry and thirsty,
their soul fainted within them.

**Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and God delivered them from their distress;
leading them by a straight way,
until they reached an inhabited town.**

Let them thank the Lord for steadfast love,
God's wonderful works to humankind.

**For God satisfies the thirsty,
and the hungry are filled with good things.**

Let those who are wise pay attention to these things
and consider the steadfast love of the Lord.

SERMON

"Psalm 107: Give Thanks" | *Brian Shivers*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Grand Choeur" | *Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)*

* 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 THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

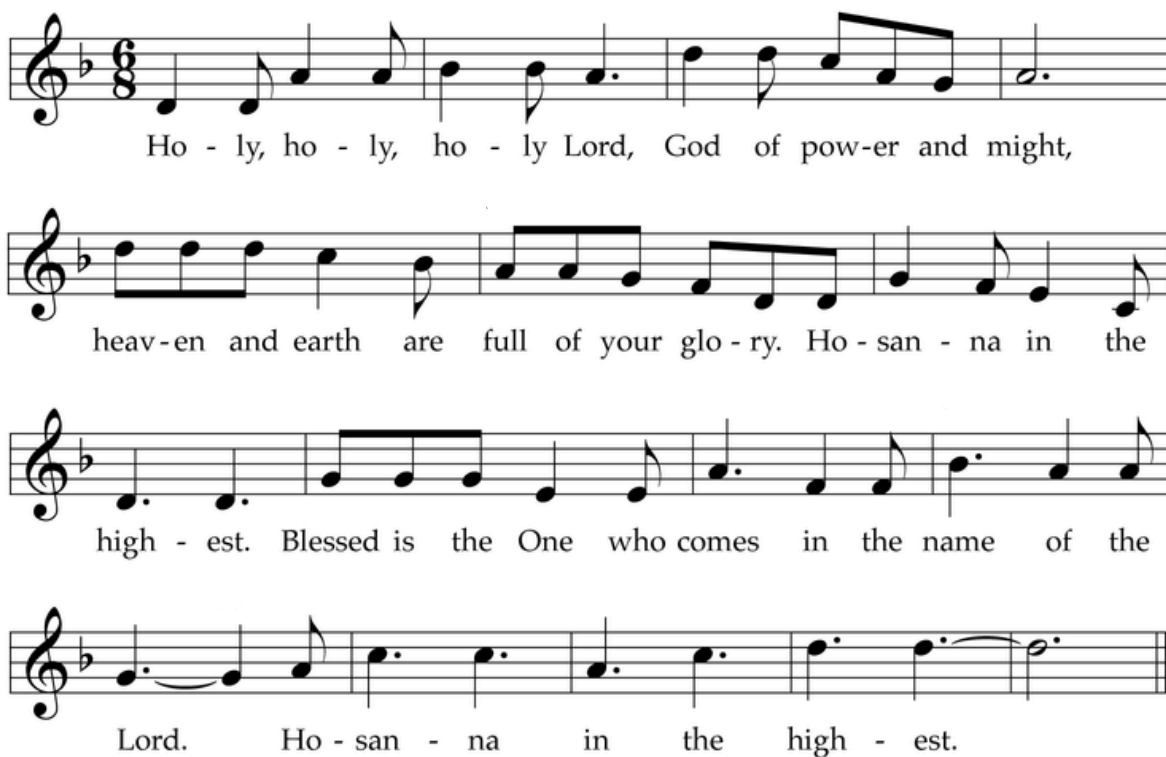
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus (Oliver)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

DYING YOU DESTROYED OUR DEATH

Memorial Acclamation (Oliver)



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

Amen (Oliver)



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

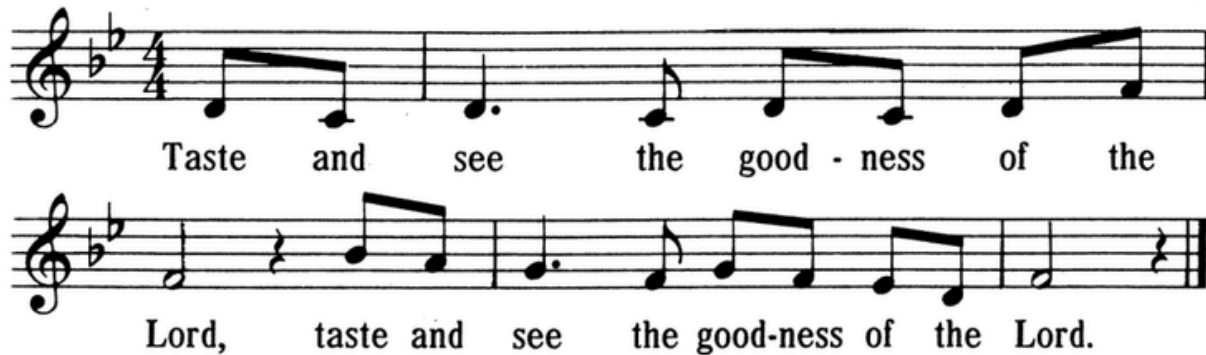
(All are welcome and all bread is gluten-free.)

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

"Siciliano (from Sonata in E flat Major, BWV 1031)" | Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

"Taste and See" (from Psalm 34) | Michael Connolly

(Worshippers are invited to sing Refrain on cue from leader)



I will bless the Lord at all times;
God's praise shall be ever in my mouth.
Let my soul glory in the Lord;
the lowly will hear me and be glad.

Refrain

Glorify the Lord with me,
let us together extol God's name.
I sought the Lord and God answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.

Refrain

Look to God that you may be radiant with joy
and your faces may not blush with shame.
When the afflicted ones called out the Lord heard,
and from all their distress he saved them.

Refrain

PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

from Psalm 103

Siblings in Christ,
since Christ has now fed us at his Table,
let us praise God's holy name with heartfelt thanksgiving!

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all God's benefits—

who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

God does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is the Lord's steadfast love toward those who revere God;

as far as the east is from the west,
so far does God remove our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion for his children,
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear God,

who did not spare God's own Son,
but gave him up for us all,
and will also give us all things with him.

**Therefore shall my mouth and heart show forth the praise of the Lord,
from this time forth forevermore. 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.)

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN NO. 847

"Our Hope, Our Life" | O WALY WALY

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Our Hope, Our Life

(Psalm 49)



1 Our hope, our life are in the Lord, the God we
 2 Some flaunt their gold; some trust its power, but what they
 3 Though wealth or learn - ing may be ours, or fame that
 4 Be - yond this age of shame and sham we glimpse a



hon - or and con - fess. Why crave re - nown or
 cher - ish will de - cay; and still the ran - som
 spreads through - out the land, the shack - les of mor -
 bet - ter des - ti - ny: the Lord will lift us



op - u - lence? They fade, those things we now pos - sess.
 for a soul re - mains a price too great to pay.
 tal - i - ty pre - vent so much that we have planned.
 free from death to dwell in praise e - ter - nal - ly.

As this recent paraphrase of Psalm 49 illustrates, human beings have long been tempted to put their trust in earthly assets, especially wealth and fame. But these are not enduring possessions, and they cannot save us. Only in God can we find unfailing hope and eternal life.

* BLESSING AND CHARGE

Friends, as you go from this place, rest in God's promise:

Christ is with us.

As you labor this week, rest in God's promise:

Christ is with us.

As you laugh and cry, work and play, rest in God's promise:

Christ is with us.

May we go into this world of strife and pain
to bring the Peace that surpasses all understanding.

**May we go into this world that is weary and hungry
to bring the Bread of Life.**

May we go into this world to be the hands and feet of Christ, our Redeemer,
in the name of our Creator and our Sustainer,

Amen.

POSTLUDE

"Sonata No. 4 in C Major, BWV 1033 (Allegro)" | *J.S. Bach*

IN WORSHIP

This morning we welcome Laura Recendez, flute. A native of California, she serves as principal flute of the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic and second flute with Carmel Symphony, and Anderson Orchestra. She also plays with the Lafayette Symphony Orchestra, the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra, and the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. Committed to music education, Laura works with Classical Music Indy to enrich the lives of young people, especially in underserved communities. She is the founder and executive director of the Indy Winds Flute Choir, a 30-member flute orchestra of all ages and levels. In her free time, Laura is passionate about fitness and psychology. She is an amateur acrobat and competitive pole athlete. She lives with her son Milo and their eight chickens.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*

Marko Petričić | *Organ*

Laura Recendez | *Flute*

Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*

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Events and Announcements

Kenya Trip Informational Meeting | Today | 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 join us for an informational meeting following worship this morning.



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.



Weekend Camping Trip | Deadline to Register August 6th

The 2025 NPC Camping Trip is back on August 22nd - 24th at Shades State Park! We'll gather for food, fellowship, hiking, camping, worship, and fun. Use the link below to register before August 6th. All are welcome!



Dudes Mind-Body-Spirit Series | Continues Aug. 7th & 21st | 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.



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, \$1 coffee from Roomi(e), and, if you're so inclined, get your yoga fix! Olga Keegan will lead an all-levels yoga flow. No registration is required!

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!



Sing with Peace and Chancel Choirs | Starting August 20th | 6:00 & 6:59 pm

The Peace (Grades 3-6) and Chancel (Age 15+) Choirs invite you to join! Rehearsals are every Wednesday. If your child is interested in Peace choir, please contact Katie Ray, for Chancel Choir, please contact John Wright.

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 YOU CAN JOIN THE EFFORT:

- ▶ **Make a donation as part of the Northminster congregation.** 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. Scan the QR code below to give today!
- ▶ **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.

Donate Here!



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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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