



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost | August 10, 2025, 10:00 am

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

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Meditation" | Charles Callahan

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 33

Our soul waits for the Lord, who is our help and shield.

Our hearts are glad, because we trust in God's holy name.

Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,
even as we hope in you.

* HYMN NO. 13

"The Mighty God with Power Speaks" | KINGSFOLD

* 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.

* SILENT CONFESSION



13 The Mighty God with Power Speaks

(Psalm 50)

The musical score is written for two voices, Treble and Bass, in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is a simple, folk-like tune. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The score is divided into four systems, each with a Treble and Bass staff. The lyrics are as follows:

1 The Might - y God with pow - er speaks, and all the world o - bey;
2 God comes not with a si - lent form, but rid - ing on the winds;
3 The heavens de - clare your jus - tice, Lord, as end - less as the sky;
from dawn un - til the set - ting sun, God's won - der earth dis - plays.
be - fore God's face, the rag - ing storm its blast of thun - der sends.
a - gainst the taunts of dis - be - lief, our God will tes - ti - fy.
The per - fect beau - ty all a - round from Zi - on's height shines forth;
All hail the Judge, in bold ar - ray, whose prom - ise is to bless;
Re - ceive my heart - felt gift of thanks, as hon - or to your might;
and stars a - cross the fir - ma - ment so bright - ly beam their worth.
who sees our sins, yet al - so feels our thirst for righ - teous - ness.
re - fresh my faith with each new day; pro - tect me through the night.

This paraphrase, set to a familiar English folk melody, focuses on the opening narrative section of Psalm 50 without attempting to summarize God's speeches in the latter portion of the psalm. Both parts bear witness to God's sovereignty, God's justice, and God's providence.

* 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



* 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 33: 12-22 | OT p. 507-508

SECOND LESSON | PSALMS

Psalm 50: 1-8, 22-23

God, God,
Gracious Adonai
Has spoken and called, "Earth!"
From the going forth of the sun to its coming in.

**From Zion, perfection of beauty,
Has God burst forth.**

God is entering, and does not keep silent.
A fire consumes everything before the Holy One—
It rages wildly all around!

**God calls to the heavens from above,
And to the earth, to judge the people:**

"Gather to Me all those bound by My covenant—
All those who, through offerings, have cut a covenant with Me!"

**Let the heavens tell tales of God's justice,
For God is the judge—**

"Listen to me that I may speak,
O Israel—and I shall testify against you.
God—your God—am I.

**Not on account of your offerings shall I reprove you,
Nor for your burnt offerings that are daily before me.**

Please, understand this, you who are forgetting God,
Lest I tear in pieces and there is no one to rescue.

**The one who offers an offering of gratitude honors Me,
And to the one who lays a path I will show the deliverance of God."**

SERMON

"Psalm 50: Pleasing God" | *Brian Shivers*

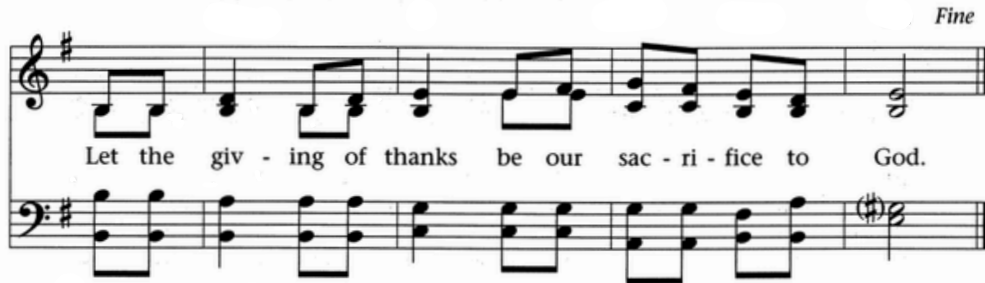
WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN

"Let the Giving of Thanks" | GREYFRIARS



Let the giv - ing of thanks be our sac - ri - fice to God.



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1 God, the Lord, has spo - ken, God has sum - moned
2 God shines out from Zi - on, the place of
3 Fire con - sumes be - fore him and a storm is
4 "Call to me, my peo - ple, when the hour of
5 "Those who give me hon - or, whose sac - ri -



all the earth from the sun at ris - ing
per - fect beau - ty. God, our God, is com - ing
> rag - ing all a - round. Heaven and earth he sum - mons
trou - ble strikes. I shall come to help you
fice is thanks - giv - ing, those who walk be - hind me



to its set - ting in the west.
> and re - fus - es to keep si - lent.
to the judg - ing of his peo - ple.
that you may ev - er praise me.
shall see my great sal - va - tion."

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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Ornament of Grace" | *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!

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN NO. 687

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

* 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.

In the name of our Creator and our Sustainer,

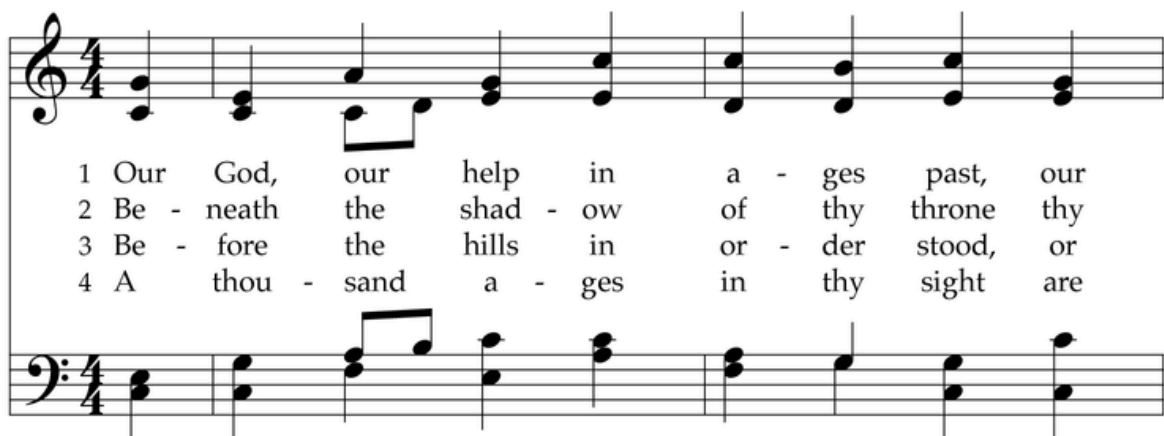
Amen.

POSTLUDE

"Concerto in E flat (III. Rondo Allegretto)" | *Jan Antonín Koželuh (1738-1814)*

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.

IN WORSHIP

This morning, we welcome Candice Kiser, Clarinet. Ms. Kiser is a member of the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra and the Richmond Symphony Orchestra and has performed with many orchestras throughout the Midwest and the South, including the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, the Fort Wayne Philharmonic, the Akron Symphony Orchestra, the Erie Philharmonic, the Louisiana Philharmonic, and the Baton Rouge Symphony. As a studio recording artist, Ms. Kiser has recorded diverse commercial, educational, and religious musical projects, including many for the Hal Leonard Corporation. She serves on the faculty of Butler University and previously taught at DePauw University, Slippery Rock University, and Grove City College. 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 postlude, the third movement from “Concerto in E flat,” was written by Czech composer and teacher Jan Antonín Koželuh (1738 – 1814). Koželuh was a well-known and respected composer in the second half of the 18th century, though apart from opera and oratorio librettos, nothing of his output was printed during his lifetime. He served as music director at St. Virtus Cathedral, Prague, for 30 years. Koželuh composed 45 masses, a Requiem, an oratorio, two operas, four symphonies, and several chamber works.

This morning’s Second Lesson from Psalm 50 is taken from *Songs Ascending: The Book of Psalms: A New Translation, Volume One* by Rabbi Richard N. Levy. This two-volume set features new translations of each of the psalms from the original Hebrew as well as textual and spiritual commentary.

TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*
Marko Petričić | *Organ*
Candice Kiser | *Clarinet*
Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*

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Events and Announcements

Theology on Tap | Tonight | 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.



Outdoor Worship and Picnic | Registration Closes August 11th | 10:00 am

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



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.



Wednesday Nights at Northminster | Returning August 20th | 5:30 pm

Wednesday Night Dinner returns on August 20th! You can learn more and RSVP by scanning the QR code or visiting our events page. Greeters are also needed each week and can sign up using the same link.



Northminster Chancel Choir Returns | August 20th | 6:59 pm

The Chancel Choir has openings for all voice types! You don't have to be a member or be able to read music as long as you're inquisitive and enjoy learning! Please contact John Wright for more info.

Dudes Mind-Body-Spirit Series | August 21st | 7:00 pm

Join us for the final session in a series aimed at those identifying as male! This session's topics include "Physical Health and the Effects of Toxic Masculinity on Health, Fitness, and Physical Self-Care." Register today!



August/September Mission Collection: Diapers

The Mission Team is aiming to collect 2,025 diapers to support Indiana Diaper Bank and our partners Raphael Health and The Little Timmy Project! New packs of diapers can be donated to the yellow bin.

Northminster Labyrinth

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

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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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