



# NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost | August 17, 2025, 10:00 am

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

### WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

#### WELCOME

#### PRELUDE

"Praise to the Lord!" | *LOBE DEN HERREN*, 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 (NEXT PAGE)

"Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show" | *LLANFAIR*

#### \* 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.



# Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show

1 Praise the Lord! God's glo - ries show,  
2 Earth to heaven ex - alt the strain, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 Strings and voic - es, hands and hearts,

saints with - in God's courts be - low,  
Send it, heaven, to earth a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia!  
in the con - cert, bear your parts,

an - gels round the throne a - bove,  
Age to age, God's mer - cies trace, Al - le - lu - ia!  
All that breathes, your Lord a - dore,

all who see and share God's love.  
Praise God's prov - i - dence and grace! Al - le - lu - ia!  
sing - ing praise for - ev - er - more,

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. It features three systems of staves, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are distributed across the vocal lines, with some parts being common to multiple voices. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings.

**\* SILENT CONFESSION**

**\* 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**

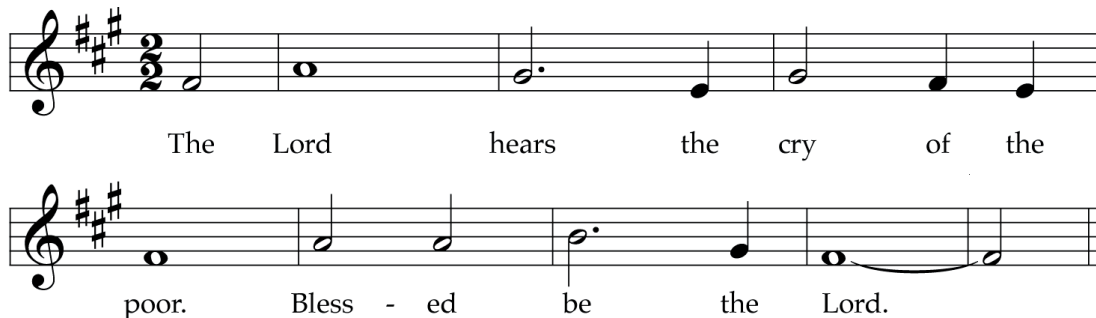
## FIRST LESSON | PSALMS

Psalm 80

## SECOND LESSON | PSALMS

Psalm 82

*Refrain*



God arises in the council of heaven  
and gives judgment in the midst of the gods:

**"How long will you judge unjustly,  
and show favor to the wicked?**

Save the weak and the orphan;  
defend the humble and needy;

**rescue the weak and the poor;  
deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

*(Sing Refrain)*

They do not know, neither do they understand;  
they go about in darkness;  
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

**Now I say to you, 'You are gods,  
all of you children of the Most High;**

nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,  
and fall like any leader.'"

**Arise, O God, and rule the earth,  
for you shall take all nations for your own.**

*(Sing Refrain)*

## SERMON

"Psalm 82: Rise Up" | *Brian Shivers*

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### \* HYMN

"Lead Me, Guide Me" | *African-American Spiritual*



Lead me, guide me, a - long the way, for if you  
lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each  
day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.  
I am weak and I need your strength and power to help me  
o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the dark-ness your  
face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

### 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

"Concerto for Trumpet and Strings (I. Allegro)" | *Giuseppe Torelli (1658-1709)*

\* DOXOLOGY

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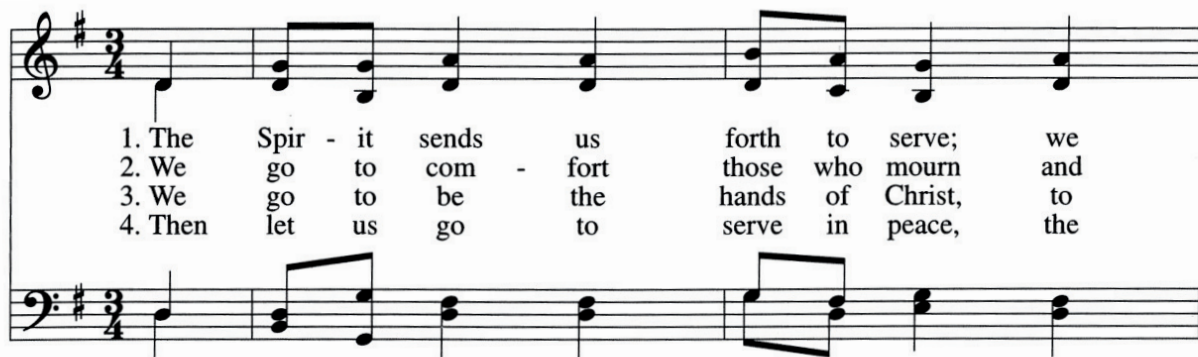
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION OF STHI OFFERING

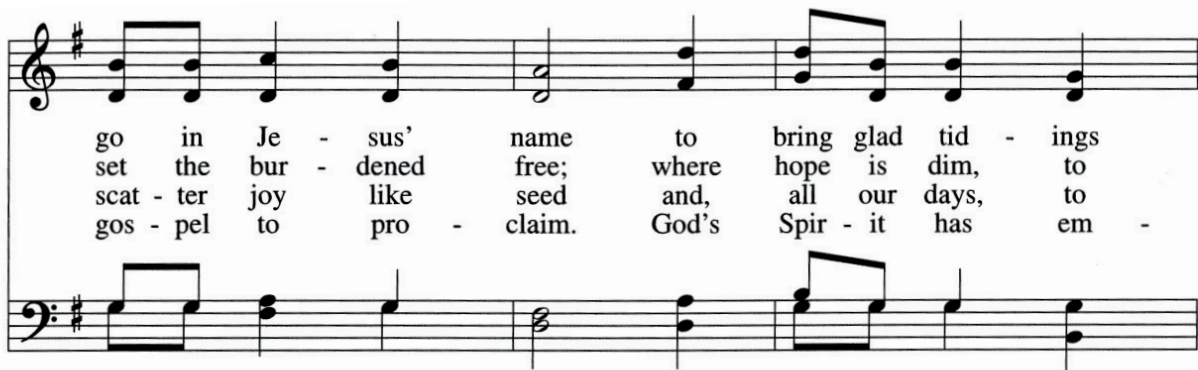
WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

\* HYMN

"The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve" | AZMON



1. The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we  
2. We go to com - fort those who mourn and  
3. We go to be the hands of Christ, to  
4. Then let us go to serve in peace, the



go in Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings  
set the bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to  
scat - ter joy like seed and, all our days, to  
gos - pel to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.  
share a dream and help the blind to see.  
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.  
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

## \* 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

"Marche Gay" (Walk Joyfully) | *Jean-Baptiste Lully* (1632-1687)



## IN WORSHIP

This morning's final hymn, "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve," was written by Delores Dufner in 1993. Of the hymn, she has said, "I wanted to write a straightforward closing hymn to energize and empower the assembly to live the gospel during the week ahead." In singing the hymn, we proclaim glad tidings and go forth to provide loving deeds to the "poor," those who "mourn," the "burdened," the hopeless, and the "blind." Hymnwriter Sister Delores Dufner (born 1939) is a member of Saint Benedict's Monastery in St. Joseph, Minnesota. She holds a master's degree in liturgical music from St. Joseph's College, Rensselaer, Indiana, and in liturgical studies from Notre Dame, Indiana. Her hymns have been published in the United States, Canada, Great Britain, Australia, and China.

We welcome and appreciate Larry Powell, trumpet. He is the founding member and trumpeter with The Forge, a professional touring ensemble dedicated to performing the great works of artists of all generations. A recent Forge project showcased the music of artists including Led Zeppelin, Queen, Pink Floyd, and many others from the era of Classic Rock. Larry serves as Principal Trumpet with the Owensboro Symphony (KY), Marion Philharmonic (IN), and the Anderson Symphony (IN), and is busy as a session player in the recording studios in Indianapolis and Fort Wayne. He is also on the brass faculty at the University of Indianapolis.

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### TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*  
Marko Petričić | *Organ*  
Larry Powell | *Trumpet*  
Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*

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# Events and Announcements

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## **Wednesday Nights at Northminster | Returns August 20<sup>th</sup> | 5:30 - 7:00 pm**

Join us each Wednesday for a meal, fellowship with others, and discussions on how to learn and grow in your faith. Childcare is available from 6:00 - 9:00 pm. If you're joining us for dinner, please use the QR code to RSVP!



## **Northminster Chancel Choir | Returns August 20<sup>th</sup> | 6:59 pm**

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.

## **Northminster Peace Choir | Returns August 20<sup>th</sup> | 6:00 pm**

Peace Choir (Grades 3-6) rehearses Wednesdays and sings in worship once a month. No need to register, simply come to the first rehearsal! All children of the church and community are invited. Contact Director Katie Ray.

## **Dudes Mind-Body-Spirit Series | August 21<sup>st</sup> | 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!



## **Youth Group Kick Off | September 7<sup>th</sup> | 5:30 - 8:00 pm**

This low-key gathering for youth and their families includes dinner and games! You are encouraged to bring a bag of fruity candy for our candy salad and we'll also have confirmation info. RSVP so we can plan for food!



## **Simple Strength Classes | Starting September 8<sup>th</sup> | 11:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Nervous about lifting on your own or not sure where to start? Learn basic strength training exercises in a safe space with Kim Allen! All body types and abilities are welcome for this 4-week series. Pre-registration is required.



## **Mission Collection: Diapers | August through September**

The Mission Team is collecting diapers to support Indiana Diaper Bank and our partners Raphael Health and The Little Timmy Project! Please consider a donation in the yellow bin in The Gathering Place!

## **Kroger Community Rewards**

Support Northminster while you shop at Kroger! Northminster will receive reward funds from anyone who selects us as their rewards partner. Scan the QR code for a step-by-step guide to getting set up.



*Additional events and information can be found on our website at [northminster.church/events](https://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!

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### **HERE'S HOW YOU CAN JOIN THE EFFORT:**

- ▶ **Make a donation as part of the Northminster congregation.** This weekend, Northminster has joined 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!**



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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](http://northminster.church/prayer)

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