



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time | September 3, 2023, 10:00 am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

Karen Herbst-Kim

*PRELUDE

"Aria for Organ" | *Flor Peeters (1903-1986); Charles Manning, Organ*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The God of our ancestors calls us to worship.

Praise the Lord!

Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Let us worship God!

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



***HYMN**

"God of Ever-Blazing Glory" | HYMN TO JOY

1. God of ev - er - blaz - ing glo - ry, wrapped in mys - ter - y and flame,
 2. God our in - fi - nite Cre - a - tor, liv - ing Word and ho - ly Wind,
 3. God of bless - ing and a - bun - dance, source of ev - 'ry gift we know,
 4. God our hope and guide for - ev - er, bless and keep us all our days.

here we gath - er in your pres - ence, here we bless your ho - ly name.
 you were there at the be - gin - ning, you are with us to the end.
 let us taste and see the good - ness where your milk and hon - ey flow.
 With the saints of old we of - fer an - cient, ev - er - last - ing praise.

You are great - er than the moun - tains where the earth and heav - en meet;
 You have seen us when we suf - fered, you have heard us when we cried.
 With thanks - giv - ing, we re - mem - ber how you brought us to this place.
 Still you call us out to wor - ship in the land where all are free.

you are clos - er than a shad - ow, like the ground be - neath our feet.
 Now you lead us through the wa - ter safe - ly to the oth - er side.
 Nour - ish us with dai - ly man - na; strength - en us to share your grace.
 Still you lead us, as you prom - ised, now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

*For those who are able, please stand.



***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Carol McDonald

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Compassionate God,
you have always cared for your people with infinite love and power.
We gratefully acknowledge that you have unfailingly given to us
that which is for our good.
Still, we have turned away from you,
and have sought instead to make our own way,
to depend upon our own strength,
to live by our own wisdom.
We have been more concerned to defend ourselves
than to glorify you.

Forgive us for forgetting that in your hands,
our lives are safe and secure.
Free us by your Spirit from our urge to protect and
promote ourselves.
Let us no longer be bound by sin,
but released, restored and set free to
worship and serve you,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Siblings in Christ, I declare to you we are forgiven.

Praise God!

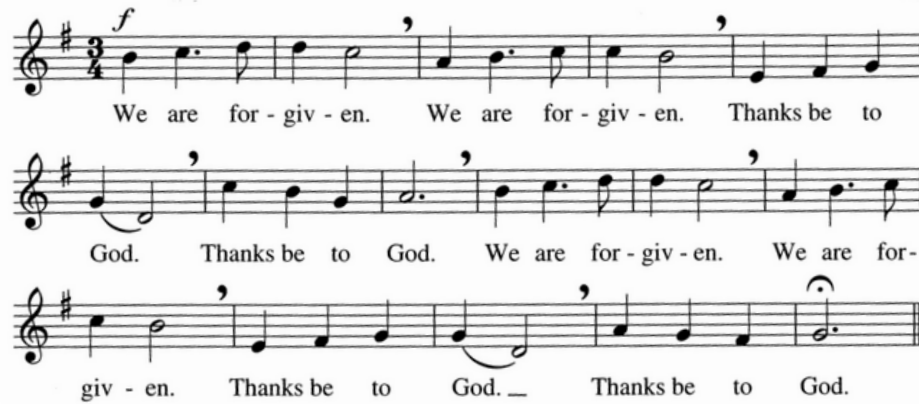
**We are free to rejoice in hope, continue in prayer,
contribute to the needs of the saints,
and extend hospitality to strangers.**

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



*RESPONSE

"We Are Forgiven" | Hal Hopson (b. 1933)



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 | TORAH

Exodus 3: 1-15 (p. 50)

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

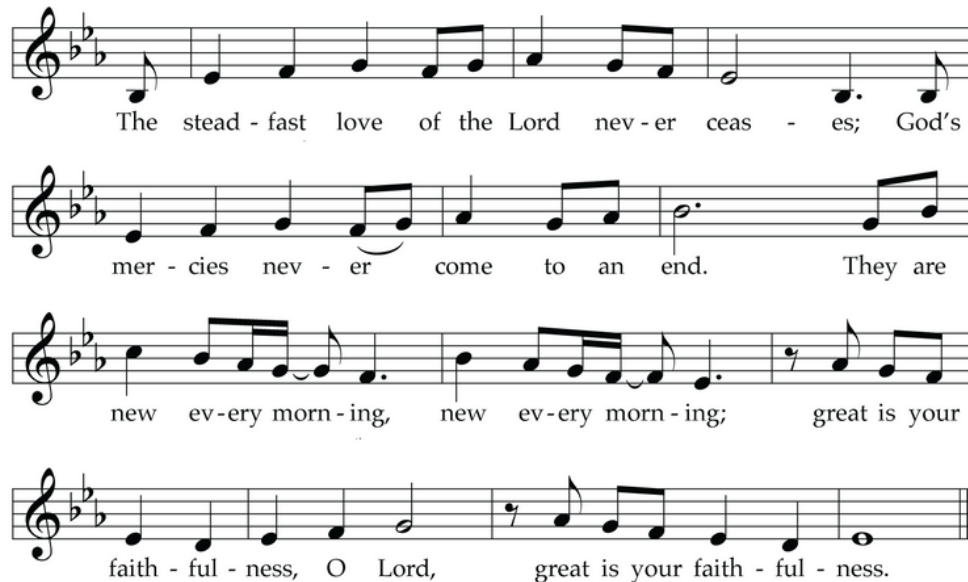


SECOND LESSON | PSALM

Psalm 105: 1-6, 23-26, 45a

"The Steadfast Love of the Lord" | *THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD*

Refrain



Give thanks to our God and call upon God's name;
proclaim God's deeds among the peoples.

**Sing to God, sing praise,
and tell of all God's marvels!**

Glory in God's holy name;
let the hearts that seek our God rejoice.

**Turn to our God – to God's strength –
and seek God's presence constantly.**

Remember the marvels God has done,
the wonders and the judgments of God's mouth,

**You descendants of Sarah and Abraham, God's faithful ones,
You offspring of Leah, Rachel and Jacob, who are God's chosen. (Refrain)**

Then Israel migrated to Egypt;
Jacob lived as an alien in the land of Ham.

Our God made the people fertile,
**and more numerous than their oppressors,
whose hearts were turned to detest God's people
and to conspire against God's faithful.**

God sent Moses, Miriam and Aaron,
God's faithful chosen ones.

Praise God! (Refrain)



SERMON

"Songbook of Faith: Psalm 105" | *Karen Herbst-Kim*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN NO. 462

"I Love to Tell the Story" | *HANKEY*

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

"St. Anthony Chorale" | *Franz Joseph Hayden (1732-1809)*

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" | *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!

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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.

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



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it, like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else could do.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word.
 'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY SANCTUS

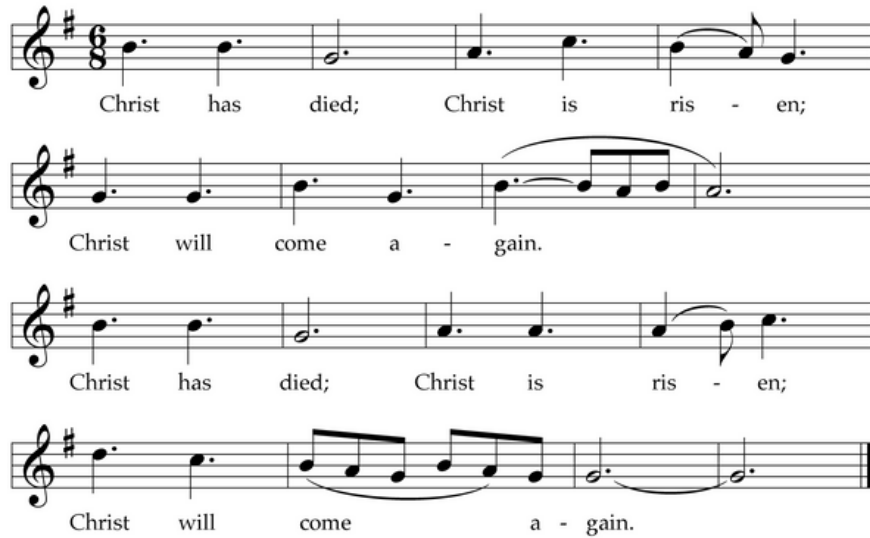
The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 6/8. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's name. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's name. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The score consists of eight staves of music, each with a line of lyrics underneath. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 6/8. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The score is arranged in a single system, with each staff of music followed by a line of lyrics. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's name. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's name. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The score is arranged in a single system, with each staff of music followed by a line of lyrics. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's name. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's name. Ho - san - na in the high - est."

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san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's name. Ho -
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san - na in the high - est.

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



CHRIST HAS DIED, CHRIST IS RISEN MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



AMEN
AMEN



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.

BREAKING THE BREAD AND POURING THE CUP



SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

*At the direction of the hosts, you are invited to come forward by the center aisle. Take a piece of bread, dip it into the chalice, and receive communion by the ancient method of intinction.
All bread is gluten-free.*

*Please return to your seats using the side aisles.
If you are unable to come forward, you will be offered communion in your pew.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

"I Know De Lord's Laid His Hands on Me" | African-American spiritual, arr. Harry Burleigh (1866-1949); Katie Ray, Soprano

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER THE MEAL

**We thank you, God, for the gifts you have given us:
for the bread of our being loved,
for the wine of our joy,
for the hope we find in our life together
as people ready to do your work of justice and peace.**

**We pray that, having been refreshed at this table,
we may be bread and wine for each other and for the world.
In Jesus name, 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. 516

"For the Bread Which You Have Broken" | KINGDOM

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

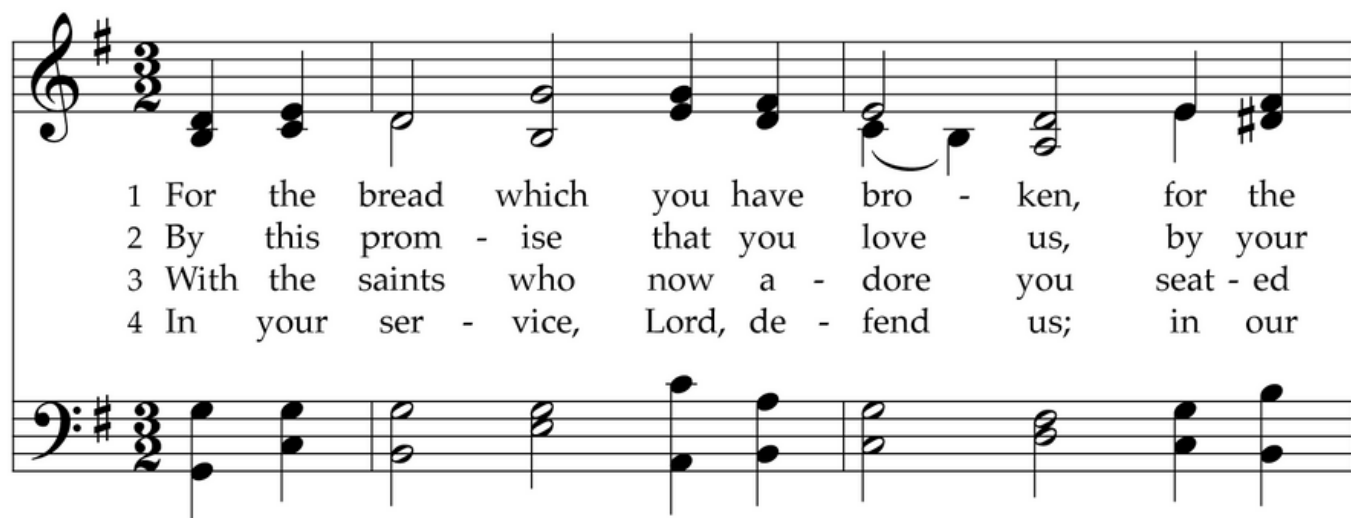
**Beloved children of God, remember, you do not go alone.
God goes before us, and with us, and behind us wherever we go.**

**May God hear your cries and deliver you;
May Christ Jesus repay you with fullness of life;
And may the Holy Spirit be with us always,
nourishing us in love and hope.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ, Amen.**

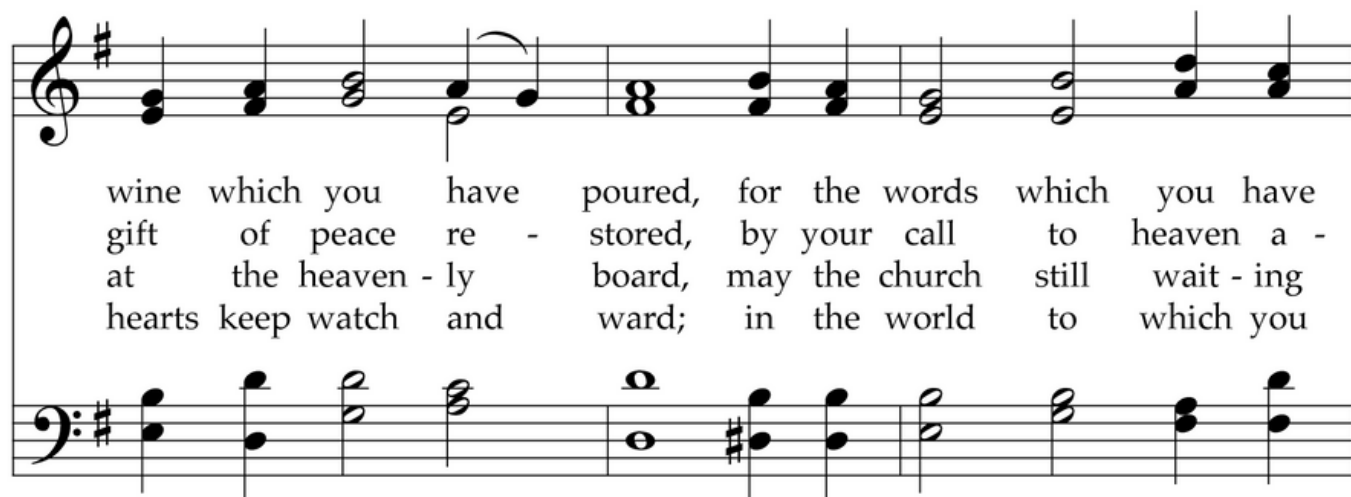
**For those who are able, please stand.*



516 For the Bread Which You Have Broken



1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the
 2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your
 3 With the saints who now a - dore you seat - ed
 4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our



wine which you have poured, for the words which you have
 gift of peace re - stored, by your call to heaven a -
 at the heaven - ly board, may the church still wait - ing
 hearts keep watch and ward; in the world to which you



spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
 bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
 for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
 send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

RESPONSE

"A Gaelic Blessing" | John Rutter (b. 1945); Katie Ray, Soprano

Deep peace of the running wave to you,
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,
Deep peace of the gentle night to you,
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you,
Deep peace of Christ, the light of the world, to you.

MUSIC IN WORSHIP

This morning's opening hymn, "God of Ever-Blazing Glory," was written by David Gambrell. The first stanza connects with the Exodus 3 "burning bush" passage – "God of ever-blazing glory, wrapped in mystery and flame..." As the hymn continues, its four stanzas explore the fourfold order of worship – Gathering, Hearing the Word, Eucharist, and Sending. It is set to Beethoven's jubilant HYMN TO JOY (from *Symphony No. 9 in D minor*).

Born in 1972, David Gambrell grew up in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He received the MDiv from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and the Ph.D. in liturgical studies from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. He was ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament in 2003. Since 2007, Gambrell has served the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. Office of Theology and Worship. He is the co-editor of the 2018 *Book of Common Worship*, and representative to the Consultation on Common Texts, the ecumenical body responsible for the Revised Common Lectionary.

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Events and Announcements

Westminster Pantry Collection - Pasta Sauce | Today

Help support the Westminster Food Pantry by donating spaghetti and pasta sauces this afternoon in the yellow bin in the Gathering Place. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Holewinski.

Seeking Officer Recommendations | Due This Tuesday, Sep. 5 | 11:59 pm

The 2024 Nominating Committee invites you to submit recommendations for ruling elders and deacons. For more information on the roles of deacons and elders, and the time commitment, please scan the QR code.



Wednesday Night Dinner | Every Wednesday | 5:30 - 9:00 pm

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



Parent & Youth Kick-Off BBQ | Sep. 10 | 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Youth (grades 6 - 12) and their parents will gather at 5:30 pm for dinner, fellowship, and information about youth events in the upcoming year. Information about this year's Confirmation Class will be shared from 7-7:30 pm. RSVP using the QR code!



Northminster Presents: Mike Weddle | Sep. 13 | 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Save the date for Northminster Presents: Mike Weddle on Wednesday, September 13th! Mike is our guest speaker from Lasting Change and will be speaking on creating a Media-Safe Home. More information will be available soon.

Fall Plant Sale | Now through Sep. 15

The Deacon's Fall Plant Sale is now open! Orders may be submitted between now and September 15th using the QR to the right. Pick-up will be on Saturday, September 30th from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm at NPC.



Day of Caring | Sep. 17 | 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Join us on Sunday, September 17th following worship for four different projects. We will be working with our mission and neighborhood partners to provide various services. Sign up using the QR code to the right!



Electronics Recycling Day | Sep. 23 | 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

RecycleForce will join us at Northminster for our annual recycling day! Bring your old and broken electronics for recycling and all proceeds will go to support workforce training for formerly incarcerated individuals. Donations are appreciated!



Flu Shot Clinic | Sep. 24 | 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Northminster is hosting a flu, pneumonia, and/or COVID-19 vaccine clinic in partnership with Franciscan Health! Make sure to bring your insurance card and a photo ID. You will receive a consent form before receiving your vaccinations.

JOIN NORTHMINSTER CHOIRS!

Chancel Choir

The Northminster Chancel Choir (ages 16 and up) is looking for singers for the 2023-24 year!

Through singing we develop and improve our breath, posture, and voice; we become part of a community that sings, prays, and celebrates fun together; we add inspiration and beauty to worship; we reduce our stress level and depression; and we experience moments of spiritual transcendence.

Rehearsals are held at 6:59 pm on Wednesday in the Choir Room. All are welcome!

Children's Choir

The Northminster's children's choir program is open to all children, grades K – 8th grade! Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 30th.

Celebration Choir (K – 2nd grade) | 6:00 - 6:45 pm | Room 204
Jordyn Locke, Director

Peace Choir (3rd – 5th grade) | 6:00 – 6:55 pm | Choir Room
Katie Ray, Director

Bel Canto (6th - 8th grade) | 6:00 - 6:55 pm | Sanctuary & Choir Room
John Wright & Katie Ray, Directors

Have questions? Contact John Wright, Director of Music Ministries at johnwright@northminster-indy.org.



One Church, One Book - Timeline

One Church, One Book is an all-church exploration of *Poverty, by America* by Matthew Desmond. You're invited to read and participate in one of several conversation opportunities below!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCUSSION

Wednesday, September 6th | 6:00 pm

Led by Monica Brase and Ned Edington
Board Room and Zoom

Sunday, September 10th | 11:30 am

Led by Carol McDonald
Calvin Hall

Tuesday, September 12th | 12:00 pm

Led by Brian Shivers
Gathering Place (bring your lunch)

Tuesday, September 12th | 5:30 pm

Led by Dolly Craft and Carol McDonald
Preceding Deacons Meeting in Calvin Hall

Wednesday, September 20th | 6:00 pm

Led by Karen Herbst-Kim, Brian Shivers, Carol McDonald, and Jennifer Dzwonar
Board Room and Zoom (wrap-up and next steps)





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Donald R. Durrett
Associate Pastor Emeritus

Tony Dzwonar
Stephen Ministry Leader

Tim McElroy
Lead Custodian

Michael de las Alas
Custodian

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 LGBTQIA+ 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

Prayer Lists

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