



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost | September 7, 2025, 10:00 am

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

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Rigaudon" | André Campra (1660-1744)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Friends, come to this place where God listens!
Where you need no money, no status, no fine clothes.

Come as you are -

Broken, whole

Sick, well

Satisfied or with deep needs

Come to sing

Come to cry

Come to hear

Come to see

Come and be ready

Or come to be made ready

We are here

God is here, too.

* HYMN NO. 409

"God is Here!" | ABBOT'S LEIGH

* CALL TO CONFESSION

God Is Here!

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in in the
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an

of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in
 life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble, in
 Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and
 age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful

full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.
 font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.
 wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.
 to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.

Here, as in the world a - round us, all our
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we

var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing
 si - lence, as in speech, here, in new - ness
 wor - ship to give, re - ceive: what it means in
 have to give, we, who can - not

of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dare.
 live with - out you, we a - dare you! We be - lieve!

Commissioned for the dedication of a renovated worship space in Austin, Texas, this text is one of the few to devote attention to how customary church features facilitate worship. The tune was composed in wartime Britain to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.

*** CALL TO CONFESSION**

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God,
you love us, but we have not loved you.
You call, but we have not listened.
We walk away from neighbors in need,
wrapped in our own concerns.
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.

God of grace,
help us to admit our sin,
so that as you come to us in mercy,
we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our redeemer.

*** SILENT CONFESSION**

*** DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Beloved, I declare the good news,
our sins are forgiven.

Therefore, let us be at peace to follow the good road,
for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous.

*** RESPONSE**

"Glory to God" | Grayson W. Brown, arr. Val Parker

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 6/8 time. It begins with a 4-measure rest, followed by a repeat sign. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the high - est. Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, and peace to his peo - ple on all the earth." The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and half notes, with some notes beamed together. There are also rests and a final double bar line with repeat dots.

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 Church School

ANTHEM

"Lift Your Voice in Praise and Thanksgiving" | *George F. Handel (1685-1759)*

Lift your voice in praise and thanksgiving
and join the throng keeping holy day.

Lift your voice in praise and thanksgiving
and join the throng this holy day.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON | PSALMS

Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18 | OT p. 577, 578

SECOND LESSON | TORAH

Deuteronomy 30: 15-20 | OT p. 186

SERMON

"For Life" | *Brian Shivers*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the New Zealand Prayer Book

You God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are God.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Ave verum corpus, K 618" | Wolfgang A. Mozart (1756-1791)

Ave verum corpus, natum
de Maria Virgine,
vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine
cuius latus perforatum
fluxit aqua et sanguine:
esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine.

*Hail, true Body, born
of the Virgin Mary,
who truly suffered, sacrificed
on the cross for mankind,
from whose pierced side
water and blood flowed:
Be for us a foretaste
in the trial of death.*

* 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.

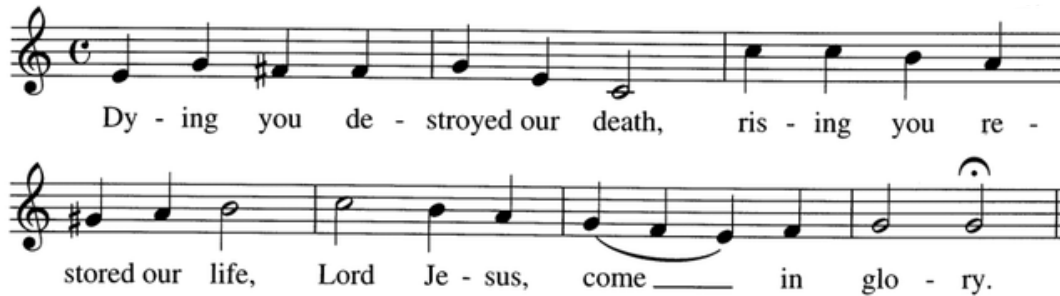
HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus (Oliver)

The musical score for 'Sanctus (Oliver)' is written in G major and 4/4 time. It features four staves of music. The first staff is labeled 'Intro' and the second 'People'. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he 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

"At the Table, All Are Equal" | David Bjorlin

At the table, all are equal, all approach the feast as guest.
None sit in the seat of honor: at the table, none are best.

At the table, none go hungry, none must steal or beg for bread;
all receive from God's abundance: at the table, all are fed.

At the table, all are cherished, all are sought at any cost,
none abandoned or forsaken, at the table, none are lost.

At the table, none are finished, none sit selfishly content;
all are called to love in service: from the table, all are sent.

HYMN

"Feed Us, Lord" | *FEED US*



1 Feed us, Lord. Feed us, Lord. In the bro - ken bread,
2 Quench us, Lord. Quench us, Lord. On this thirst - y ground,
3 Fill us, Lord. Fill us, Lord, with the bread and wine
4 Lead us, Lord. Lead us, Lord, nour-ished here by Christ,



be re - vealed a - gain. Come and feed our hearts, O Lord.
may your love flow down. Come and quench our hearts, O Lord.
of the ris - en Christ. Come and fill our hearts, O Lord.
giv - en strength for life. Come and lead our hearts, O Lord.

PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament
live in the unity of your Holy Spirit,
that we may show forth your gifts to all the world.
We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, 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. 526

"Let us Talents and Tongues Employ" | *LINSTEAD*

526 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one; at the ta - ble he
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a



shout of joy: bread is bro - ken; the wine is poured;
 sets the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,
 world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:



Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 love in word and in deed ex - press. Je - sus lives a - gain;
 God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!



earth can breathe a - gain; pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

This "communion calypso" (as the author called it) affirms the continuing presence of Christ both in the sacramental meal and in the lives of Christians. Because this text was written to fit a pre-existing tune, it has a rather telegraphic style that encourages pondering.

*** BLESSING AND CHARGE**

May the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
one God, Mother of us all,
keep us in love,
challenge us in faith,
and sustain us with grace,
this day and always.

Alleluia!

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Amen.

*** CHORAL RESPONSE**

"Gloria" (from Communion Service 3) | William Mathias (1934-1992)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

IN WORSHIP

For today's Offertory, our Chancel Choir sings Mozart's motet, "Ave verum corpus," K. 618. Mozart wrote the piece six months before his death in 1791 for Anton Stoll, music director of St. Stephan's Church in Baden. Composed in two days for four-part chorus, strings, and organ, the piece is only forty-six measures long, but they are perfect measures. In less than four minutes and with very few notes, Mozart reaches an emotional depth that few composers have achieved.

The final hymn, No. 526, "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ," is a communion hymn that speaks of feeding and being fed. The sharing of the body of Christ is at the center, but the benefits highlighted are unity and empowerment. Sharing the feast of the Lord's Supper affects the broader world; the earth itself "breathes again" as the living Lord is remembered. The author, Fred Kaan, was born in the Netherlands, grew up during the Nazi occupation, and became a pastor in the United Reformed Church of England. LINSTeAD is a Jamaican folk tune, adapted by Doreen Potter. Ms. Potter brought the melody to Kaan and asked him to write a text. Kahn decided on a hymn in celebration of the Lord's Supper, which he referred to as "Communion Calypso."

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*

Charles Manning | *Organ*

Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*

Chancel Choir

Doug Johnson & Katie Ray | *Baritone & Soprano*

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Events and Announcements

Officer Recommendations | Submissions Close Tomorrow at 11:59 pm

The 2026 Nominating Committee invites recommendations for ruling elders and deacons! To submit a recommendation, learn more about the roles of deacons and elders, or the time commitment, scan the QR code.



Simple Strength Classes | Starting September 8th | 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.



Adult Ed on Housing Insecurity | Weds., Sep. 10th - Oct. 1st | 6:00 - 7:00 pm

NPC will welcome guest speakers for a four-week discussion on homelessness and Streets to Home Indy (STHI). Join us September 10th to hear from a CHIP leader on Indy's homelessness response system and STHI.



Day of Caring | September 14th

Day of Caring is next Sunday, September 14th and the Northminster Mission Team has multiple projects available for volunteering. Scan the QR code to learn more and sign up today!



Flu Shot Clinic | September 21st | 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

The Flu Shot Clinic is back and all are welcome. In partnership with Franciscan Health, we'll be offering flu, high-dose flu (ages 65+), pneumonia, and Covid-19. Learn more and register online!



Covenant Conversation Indiana | September 27th | 9:30 am - 3:45 pm

NPC will welcome Presbyterians across Indiana to share stories, learn practical ways to deepen inclusion of our LGBTQIA+ siblings, and grow together. Learn more by scanning the QR code and register today!



Join the Dishwashers for the Lord

Help cut down NPC's carbon footprint and get a free meal! Join this elite inaugural group of dishwashers on Wednesday nights by signing up using the QR code. Contact Monica Brase for more information.



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.

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Donald R. Durrett
Associate Pastor Emeritus

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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