



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost | September 28, 2025, 10:00 am

(*For those who are able, please stand)

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME AND MOMENT FOR MISSION

PRELUDE

"Finale from Sonata No. 1" | Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come now to this place where God's love lives, where God's generous welcome is offered to all.

We come offering our hopes and dreams and visions for the day when all God's children will find welcome in all such places.

Come now to hear God's Word strong and true.

Come now to affirm your faith in Jesus who welcomed all.

We come to learn and explore, to receive strength to confront the dangers of the world around us.

Come now to sing, to pray, to experience beloved community.

Let us worship God.

* HYMN NO. 301

"Let Us Build a House" | TWO OAKS

* CALL TO CONFESSION



Let Us Build a House

All Are Welcome



- 1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
- 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are
- 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa ter,
- 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be yond the 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and

place where saints and chil - dren tell safe - ly live, where all God's chil - dren dare to strong and true, wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach, sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed



how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith of here the and vault grace; wit - ness and as sym bol of God's grace; here as Ie - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we strang - er bear the im -God's age of face; let us laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions: we claim the faith Je - sus: one of share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come; bring an end to fear and dan - ger: house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:



* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we open our hearts and offer the truth of our lives: the fear that stifles us, the prejudice that blinds us, the ignorance that hobbles us, the doubt that plagues us. Forgive us.
Help us to find courage in unlikely places, see the world with new and gracious eyes, move to those places where love is needed, and have faith that you are with us. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

* SILENT CONFESSION

* RESPONSE

"Jesu, meine Freude" | J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Jesu, meine Freude, meines Herzens Weide, Jesu, meine Zier! Ach wie lang, ach lange, ist dem Herzen bange und verlangt nach dir! Gottes Lamm, mein Bräutigam, außer dir soll mir auf Erden nichts sonst Liebers werden. Jesus, my joy,
my heart's pasture,
Jesus, my treasure!
Ah, how long, ah long
has my heart suffered
and longed for you!
God's lamb, my bridegroom,
besides you on earth
nothing shall be dearer to me.

* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

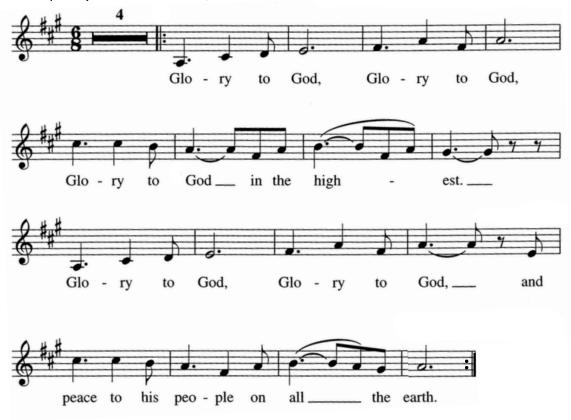
Hear the Good News:

We are forgiven! We are set free to go out into the world to be the loving and welcoming people of God. Thanks be to God!



* RESPONSE

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



* 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 Church School

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON | PROPHETS

Amos 6: 1-7 | OT p. 854-855



SECOND LESSON | PSALMS

Psalm 146 | arr. Hal Hopson



THIRD LESSON | HISTORY

Acts 11: 1-18 | NT p. 130

SERMON

"Outside In" | Brian Ellison

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN NO. 434

"Restore in Us, O God" | BAYLOR

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Amanda Udis-Kessler

Love, sacred mystery at the heart of all things, holy are you.

May your domain spread out across the world.

May all have what they need, today and all days.

May we forgive ourselves for our failings and strive to do better.

May we forgive others for their failings and invite them to do better,

even as they forgive themselves and us.

If we must face difficulties, may we do so

with courage, humor, humility, and grace.

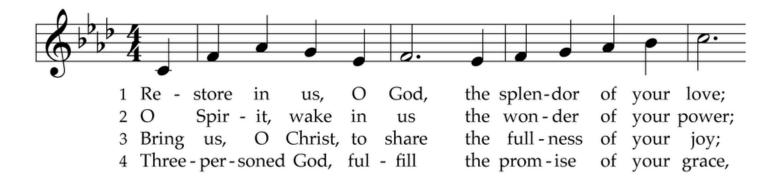
If we must face evil, may we not be overcome with it

but may we overcome evil with love.

For love is the measure of all things and the hope of humanity, now and forever. Amen.



Restore in Us, O God





re - new your im-age in our hearts, and all our sins re-move. from fruit-less fear un-furl our lives like spring-time bud and flower. bap - tize us in the ris - en life that death can-not de-stroy. that we, when all our search-ing ends, may see you face to face.

This text reflects the historic understanding of Lent as a time to prepare catechumens for Baptism and penitents for reconciliation at the Easter Vigil. The first three stanzas address one of the three divine Persons, while the fourth stanza implores the help of the full Trinity.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Do Not Fear" | Fred Gramann (b. 1950)

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters I will be wit

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

The rivers shall not cover you.

Do not fear, for I am with you;

I will bring your own from the east and from the west;

When you walk through the fire, it shall not burn you,

The rivers shall not cover you.

I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel.

You are precious in my sight, and I love you.

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

The rivers shall not cover you.

Based on Isaiah 43: 1-5

* DOXOLOGY

OLD 100TH

Praise God, who fills each cup and plate,

Whose table's wide and love is great,

From broken bread, may all be fed,

And justice rise where fear has spread. Amen.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

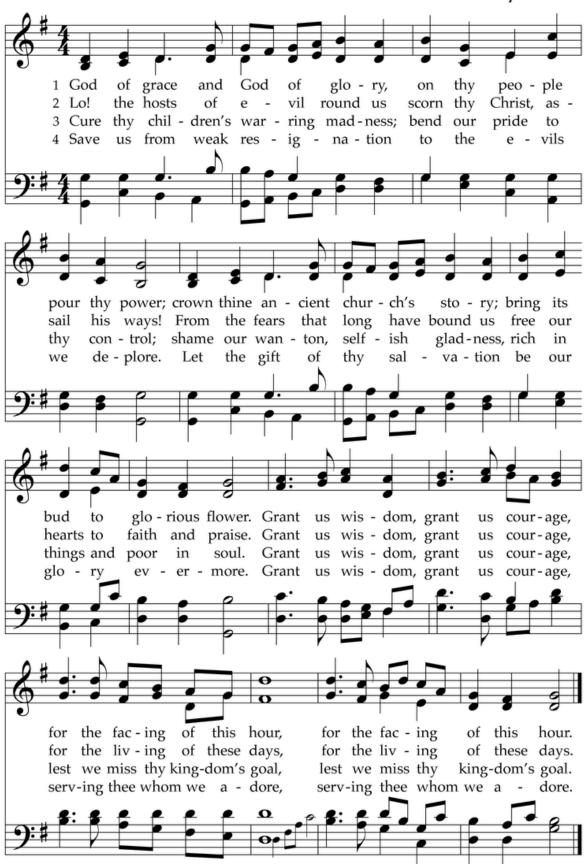
WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN NO. 307

"God of Grace and God of Glory" | CWM RHONDDA



307 God of Grace and God of Glory



This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

* BLESSING AND CHARGE

Go into the world filled with wisdom and courage.

Empower us, O God to face this hour.

Go into the world to face any fears you might confront.

Empower us, Christ Jesus, to live these days.

Go – breathe into this wounded and hurting world a spirit of gentleness and welcome.

Empower us, Holy Spirit, never to miss

the goal of the Creator's realm.

Go now to extend a deeper welcome to all God's children.

Fill us, Triune God, with wisdom and courage

to serve the One we adore.

And may the One who created us, The One who redeemed us,

And the One who empowers us,

Guide us every step of the way.

Alleluia! Amen!

POSTLUDE

"My Heart Abounds With Pleasure" (from Eleven Chorale Preludes, Op. 122) | Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

IN WORSHIP

Today's liturgy was written by the Revs. Carol McDonald and Beth Merrill Neel.

The text of our closing hymn, "God of Grace and God of Glory," was written in 1930 by Harry Emerson Fosdick for the dedication of Riverside Church in the City of New York. It has been the signature hymn of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians since the organization's founding in 1997 and is sung at every Network gathering.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Brian Shivers | Pastor
Carol McDonald | Covenant Network Board Member
Brian Ellison | Preacher
Marko Petričić | Organ
Karen Herbst-Kim | Pastor
Chancel Choir
Sam Spade | Cantor

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Events and Announcements

Whitewater Valley Youth Social | Tonight | 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Youth groups from across the Presbytery are invited to join this epic youth gathering right here at NPC! We'll have bounce houses, a cookout dinner, games, and the chance to connect with youth from across the presbytery!

Adult Ed on Housing Insecurity | Oct. 1st | 6:00 - 7:00 pm

For our final discussion, we'll welcome Abe Roll, Data Narrator for CHIP, to discuss the Point-In-Time count, the importance of data collection, volunteer opportunities, and other ways individuals can help.



Umoja Partner Trip & Commitment Lunch | Oct. 5th | 11:30 am

Northminster is making a trip to Kenya in June 2026 to visit and learn from our Umoja partners! If you're interested, please contact Pastor Karen or register for the commitment lunch on October 5th!



Uncovering Your 'Why' for Advocacy | Oct. 15th and 22nd | 6:00 pm

Join Josh Riddick and Jennifer Shivers as they help us become better advocates for issues near to our hearts. Learn how to uncover and articulate YOUR personal motivations or "personal interest" in advocacy work.

Fall Work Day | Oct. 18th | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

We'll have painting projects, landscaping projects, and more. It's a great day to support the physical spaces that make NPC so great! Use the QR code to sign up today and contact Emma Moore if you have any questions.



2026 Annual Appeal: Streams of Generosity - Rivers of Grace

Beautiful Streams of Generosity flow through Northminster Presbyterian Church. The 2026 Annual Appeal has started! Be on the lookout for more information and pledge cards in your mail.



Electronics Recycling | Oct. 25^{th} | 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Bring your old, unused electronics to Northminster to have them properly disposed of for free! This is a great opportunity for some fall cleaning of houses, garages, attics, and basements.

Trunk or Treat | Oct. 25th | 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Trunk or Treat is back! Join us in the south lot for a fun, safe experience for all ages. Use the QR code to sign up to participate and decorate your vehicle. Candy donations are welcome using the yellow bin in The Gathering Place!



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Krista Wright

Spiritual Wholeness and Wellness Coordinator

Shiloh O'Rourke

Director of Preschool

Rod Mail

Stephen Ministry Leader

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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