



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 13, 2026 | 10:00 am

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

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Variations on NETTLETON" | Undine Smith Moore (1904-1989)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God, bless the Lord,
bless God's holy name.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is God's steadfast love for us.

* HYMN 363

"Rejoice, the Lord is King!" | DARWALL'S 148TH

ANTHEM

"Plenty Good Room" | African-American spiritual, arr. Joseph Joubert

CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God,
You have forgiven us – we have not forgiven others.
You lived for us – we have not lived for you.
You have loved us – we have not loved ourselves
nor have we loved one another.

Take pity on us and forgive us, God.

Help us to forgive.

Help us to live for you.

Help us to love through Christ our Lord. Amen.

* SILENT CONFESSION

* WORD OF GRACE

Beloved, because of God's great love and rich mercy for all,
we are fully forgiven.

**Let us live as those who are loved and forgiven
through the gift of God's grace.**



Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

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Descant

4 Re-joyce in glo-rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

1 Re-joyce, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a-dore!
 2 Our Sav-ior, Je-sus, reigns, the God of truth and love;
 3 His king-dom can-not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
 4 Re-joyce in glo-rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

and gath-er all the saints to their e-ter-nal home.

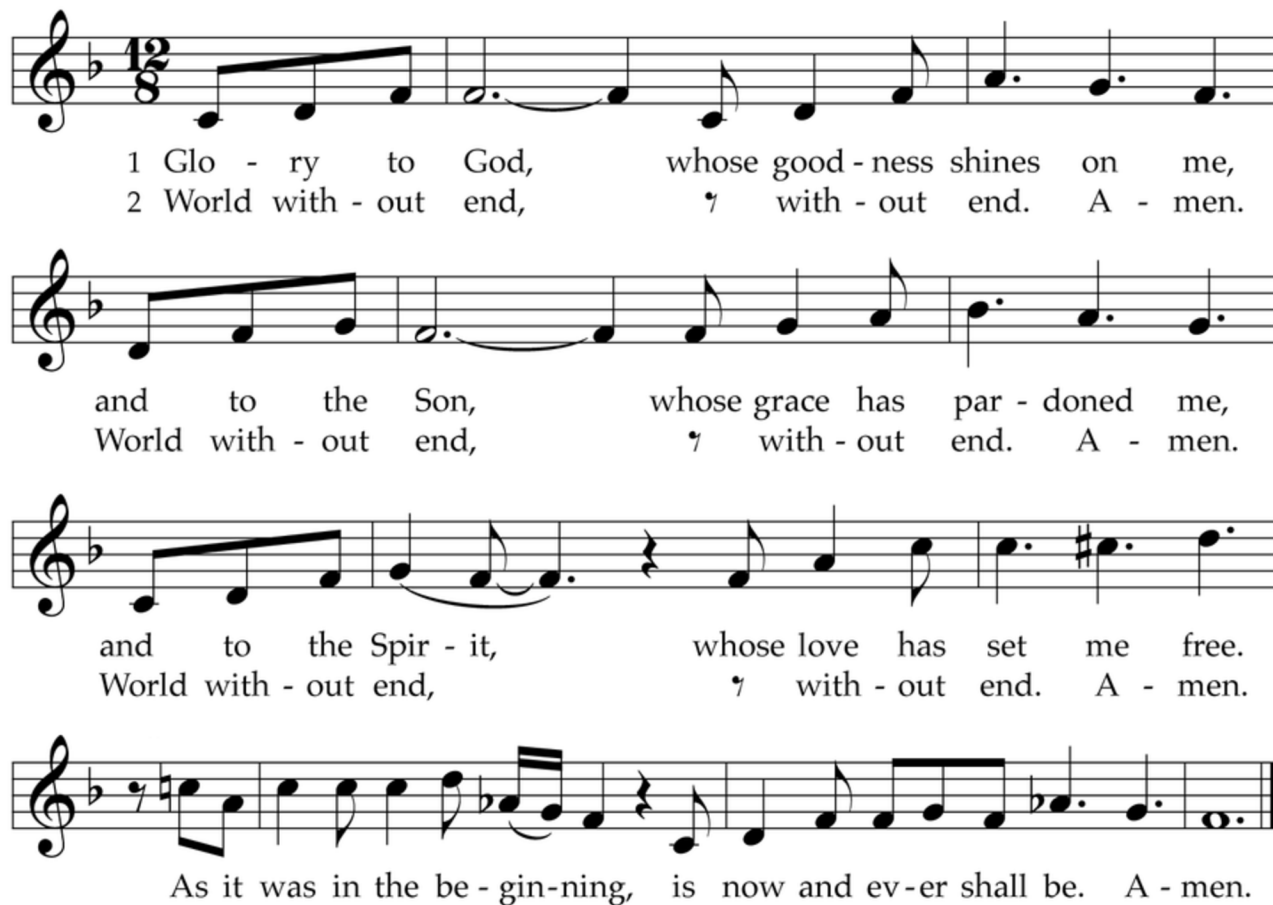
Re-joyce, give thanks, and sing, and tri-umph ev-er-more.
 when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a-bove.
 the keys of death and hell are to our Je-sus given.
 and gath-er all the saints to their e-ter-nal home.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Re-joyce, a-gain I say, re-joyce!

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Re-joyce, a-gain I say, re-joyce!

*** GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME**

Paul Vasilie



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

*** 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

Children are dismissed to Church School

Offerings added to the Joyful Noise Pail are for mission partner Heifer International

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON | PSALM

Psalm 103:1-13 | OT p. 554



SECOND LESSON | PSALM

Psalm 114



Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

THIRD LESSON | EPISTLE

Romans 14:1-12 | NT p. 163

SERMON

"Tolerating Tolerance?" | *Brian Shivers*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN (*Next Page*)

"Sing a New Church" | *NETTLETON*

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

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

OFFERTORY

"Fugue in C Major, BWV 547" | *J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

* 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

Sing a New Church

1. Sum - moned by the God who made us rich in
 2. Ra - diant ris - en from the wa - ter, robed in
 3. Trust the good - ness of cre - a - tion; trust the
 4. Bring the hopes of ev - 'ry na - tion; bring the
 5. Draw to - geth - er at one ta - ble all the

our di - ver - si - ty, gath - ered in the name of
 ho - li - ness and light, male and fe - male in God's
 Spir - it strong with - in. Dare to dream the vi - sion
 art of ev - 'ry race. Weave a song of peace and
 hu - man fam - i - ly; shape a cir - cle ev - er

Je - sus, rich - er still in u - ni - ty:
 im - age, male and fe - male, God's de - light;
 prom - ised sprung from seed of what has been.
 jus - tice; let it sound through time and space.
 wid - er and a peo - ple ev - er free.

Let us bring the gifts that dif - fer and, in splen - did, var - ied

ways, sing a new Church in - to be - ing, one in faith and love and praise.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* **HYMN 543**

"God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me" | *GREEN TYLER*

* **BLESSING AND CHARGE**

The blessing of God be with you,
the love of Jesus fill you,
and the power of the Holy Spirit sustain you
now and forevermore.

Let us
go in peace,
practice forgiveness,
live the gospel,
in the name of Jesus, our Lord.
Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

"Elijah Rock" | *African-American spiritual, arr. Jester Hairston (1901-2000)*

IN WORSHIP

Today's service concludes with the African American spiritual "Elijah Rock." The arranger, Jester Hairston (1901-2000), was a composer and conductor who dedicated his life to preserving the music of the enslaved, arranging or composing more than 300 spirituals. The grandson of a slave, Hairston was born in Belews Creek, North Carolina, graduated from Tufts University, and studied at Juilliard School of Music. He was also a successful actor who appeared in radio and TV versions of "Amos 'n' Andy," and was known in later years as Rollie Forbes in the late 1980s/early 1990s NBC sitcom "Amen."

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*

Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*

Marko Petričić | *Organ*

Chancel Choir

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God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

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O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

Events and Announcements

Youth Group Kick-Off Party | Tonight | 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Youth, their families, and friends are welcome to join us for fellowship, lawn games, and a delicious meal! The year's schedule will be shared, and this is a great time to get to know everyone. Feel free to come even if you didn't RSVP!

Adult Ed: Spirituality and Your Brain | September 16 & 23 | 6:00 pm

Join two conversations with Loui Lord Nelson to learn how your brain is wired for spirituality and how that affects your relationship with religion. Scan the QR code to access a recommended "Hidden Brain" podcast episode!



Weekend of Caring | September 19 & 20

Day of Caring is now "Weekend of Caring" at Northminster! Join us for various projects with Mission partners! Sign up today through Civic Champs or in The Gathering Place and help us make a difference in our community.



Sound & Spirit: Conor Mallon Band | September 20 | 5:00 pm

Sound & Spirit returns with the Conor Mallon Band! Winners of Ireland Tonight Radio Music's 2023 Album of the Year, Irish Uilleann Pipe player Conor Mallon and his band make their only Indiana appearance.



Kids' Night In | September 25 | 6:00 - 8:15 pm

Join us for a fun Friday night break for both parents and kids ages 4+! We'll have pizza, games, activities, and a dance party. Learn more and register your child (\$10 per child, cap of \$40) by scanning the QR code!



Flu/Pneumonia/Covid Shot Clinic | September 27 | 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Northminster's Shot Clinic is back, and all are welcome! In partnership with Franciscan Health, we'll be offering Flu, High-Dose Flu (Age 65+), Pneumonia, and COVID-19 shots. Learn more and pre-register today!



All-Congregation Art Show | October 3-11

It takes curiosity and courage to create and we want to celebrate it! Please join our community for an All-Congregation Art Show, hosted by the NPC Fine Arts Committee. Learn more and submit your art by scanning the QR code.



Electronics Recycling & Paper Shredding | November 21 | 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

NEW DATE! Gather up your old, broken, or unused devices and components and bring them to the parking lot where RecycleForce will collect and dispose of them. See acceptable items and learn more by scanning the QR code!



More information on these events and others can be found on our website at northminster.church/events

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Tony Dzwonar
Stephen Ministry Leader

Teri Thomas
Pastor Emerita

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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