



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost | September 27, 2026 | 10:00 am

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

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Glorify the Lord with Me" | *Stephen Elkins*

Glorify, glorify the Lord with me.

Let us exalt His name together,

Let us exalt His name forever.

Oh, glorify, glorify the Lord with me.

Glorify the Lord, our Lord.

In everything you say, glorify the Lord.

Every night and day glorify the Lord.

In all that you do, let His glory shine through.

Oh, glorify, glorify the Lord with me.

Glorify the Lord, our Lord.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord who is our provider.

The Lord is our hope.

Our trust is in God.

God brought us out of bondage and has made us free.

The Lord is our hope.

Our trust is in God.

Glorious are the deeds of our God, and mighty are the acts of the Divine.

The Lord is our hope.

Our trust is in God.

* HYMN NO. 81

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" | *AUSTRIAN HYMN*

* CALL TO CONFESSION



81 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken



1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God.
2 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
3 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,



God, whose word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for a blest a - bode.
for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.



On the rock of a - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows, their thirst to as - suage?



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them when they pray.
Grace, so like the Lord the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.



* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God,
we have been wandering in the wilderness of sin;
we have complained in the face of your mercy;
we have been selfish and conceited in the face of your sacrifice;
we have not done your will.

Forgive us, Lord,
teach us humility;
teach us gratitude;
infuse your spirit into our beings
so that we might be reconciled to you.

* **SILENT CONFESSION**

* **SONG OF GRACE**

"Surely the Presence of the Lord" | *Lanny Wolfe*

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,
I see glory on each face;
surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

* **WORD OF GRACE**

People of God, our sins are forgiven.

**Therefore, let us love one another
with gratitude in our hearts and praise on our lips.**

* **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

"Send Out Your Light" | *Traditional Taize*

Send out your light, Lord, send your truth to be my guide.

Then let them lead me to the place where you reside.

FIRST LESSON | TORAH

Exodus 17:1-7 | OT p. 64

SECOND LESSON | PSALM

Psalms 78:1-7, 12-16 | *Hasidic melody*



O - pen your ears, O faith - ful peo - ple, o - pen your ears and hear God's Word.



O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood, God has come to you.

THIRD LESSON | GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23-32 | NT p. 23-24

SERMON

"Water From Rocks" | *Brian Shivers*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN NO. 644

"Give Thanks, O Christian People" | *ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



Give Thanks, O Christian People 644

1 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for work-ers of our day
2 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for lead - ers of our years
3 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for all who love the Lord,
4 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for life in fel - low - ship

who heed the call to ser - vice and make it their life's way
who live to share with oth - ers our joy when Christ ap - pears,
who live each day be - liev - ing in God's e - ter - nal Word:
with all who trust our Sav - ior their serv - ing to e - quip:

to go to feed the hun - gry, to tend to those in need,
to teach the ones who seek light, to guide the fal - tering feet,
to share Christ's love in liv - ing, to wit - ness with each deed,
to ease an - oth - er's bur - dens, to cope in joy and stress,

to work for e - qual jus - tice, till all God's folk are freed.
to lead the fol - lowers for - ward our liv - ing Lord to meet.
to use the tal - ents giv - en to plant the gos - pel seed.
to mag - ni - fy God's mes - sage and Christ's great love con - fess.

The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is primarily in the soprano and alto parts, with the piano providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each corresponding to a line of the hymn. The first system includes four numbered verses. The subsequent systems contain the main body of the hymn's lyrics. The score concludes with a final cadence in the piano part.

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

"Come, Great Love" | *Dominick DiOrio (b. 1984)*

Come, great love, our song you inspire.
Come, dear friends, and join in the choir.
Here in this place, a new bell is sounding;
Hear in this place, the organ resounding:
"Glory to God," it calls us to sing,
"Glory to God, Alleluia!"

Come, great sun, and brighten our day.
Come, once more and show us the way.
Here in this place, a new son is rising;
Hear in this place, the lesson surprising:
"Glory to God," you teach us to pray,
"Glory to God, Alleluia!"

Come, rejoice, and lay down your sword.
Come, great peace, the word of the Lord.
Here in this place, a new life is stirring;
Hear in this place, the spirit unerring:
"Glory to God," our voices shall rise,
"Glory to God, Alleluia!"

Come, great love, and make us your own.
Come, we now, to kneel at your throne.
Here in this place, a new light is growing;
Hear in the place, Creator all-knowing:
"Glory to God," forever we sing,
"Glory to God, Alleluia!"

* 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

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN

"Great God of Every Blessing" | AURELIA

1. Great God of ev - 'ry bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,
2. Your Word is our sal - va - tion, the source of end - less grace,
3. Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,

you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.
in death and life ex - tend - ing your cov - e - nant em - brace.
trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.

How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start—
In Christ we are one bod - y; each mem - ber has a part—
For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part—

sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.
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* 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.

POSTLUDE

"III. Toccata" (from *Suite pour orgue*, Op. 5) | Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

IN WORSHIP

The opening words of today's Psalm 78 indicate that this is a teaching psalm ("Hear my teaching, O my people..."). This is not new material but a curriculum that has been passed down from the ancestors. Now it needs to be taught to present and future generations ("We will recount to generations to come..."). The pervasive theme of the Psalm is that we can trust in a God who provides for us, so the teacher (psalmist) tells stories from the past of God's wonderful works and glorious deeds, including scenes from today's Exodus story of God bringing water from the rock ("God worked marvels, bringing streams out of a rock, making them flow down like a river").

This morning's Offertory, "Come, Great Love," was commissioned by two Northminster members, John and Cheryl Plunkett, and dedicated to the Northminster Chancel Choir in celebration of the C.B. Fisk pipe organ, Opus 154. Composer and author of the text, Dominick DiOrio, began writing the piece in the early days of COVID-19 and completed it in April 2020. Set for SATB chorus and organ, the hymn-like text is in four stanzas, each stanza ending with "Glory to God, Alleluia." DiOrio sets an interesting and exciting part for the organ. As he states in the 2020 preface to the piece, "...this was the first piece that I have written since the onset of the pandemic. It took me many days to find the reserves of joy and optimism that are usually easy to access for me. For this reason, I offer my thanks to the NPC Chancel Choir, as they've helped me to rediscover and rekindle my own joy in a time of much loss." In addition to his life as a composer, Dr. Dominick DiOrio is a member of the choral conducting faculty at the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music. He holds degrees from Yale School of Music and Ithaca College.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*
Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*
Marko Petričić | *Organ*
Peace Choir | *Katie Ray, Director*
Chancel Choir

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Events and Announcements

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

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

Adult Ed: "Aging and Memory Loss" | September 30 | 6:00 pm

Join Denise Harrington for a conversation around dementia and how we can walk faithfully and compassionately alongside caregivers, family members, and those living with memory loss. Learn more and RSVP for dinner today.



October Mission Collection: White Rice, Dry Beans, Spices

The Mission Team is collecting white rice, dry beans, and salt & pepper for our mission partners, Westminster Neighborhood Services and Exodus Refugee! Donations can be made to the brown bins in the Gathering Place.

Eviction Sealing Clinic | October 1 | 4:00 - 7:00 pm

The Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic will be offering a free eviction sealing clinic for anyone with an eviction record they want sealed. This event is open to all including pro bono attorneys! Scan the QR code for info.



Fall Work Day | October 3 | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Join the Building and Grounds Team for our Fall Work Day! The two projects will be painting the balcony bathroom and replacing lightbulbs in the sanctuary. Coffee and donuts will be served! Sign up using the QR code.



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.



CROP Hunger Walk | October 4 | 2:00 pm

The 2026 Crop Hunger Walk is coming up on Sunday, October 4th, and you're invited to join the Northminster Team! Scan the QR code to learn more, join our team, and see how else you can support the walk.



"Arts for Learning" Art Supplies | Now Through October 15

Circle 3 is collecting art supplies (new/partial/gently used) for "Arts for Learning Indiana's" Free Art Studios! Markers, crayons, paints, sketchbooks, and more can be donated to the plastic bin in The Gathering Place.

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Pastor Emerita

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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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