Christmas Eve Services
Friday, December 24th - 4:00, 7:00, 11:00 pm

4:00 pm
Family-friendly, led by our children and youth.
The Christmas story comes alive, carols are sung, children’s choirs sing, and the sanctuary glows with light. Each child will be given a glowstick!

7:00 pm
Choirs, Candles, Communion
The Northminster Chancel Choir sings ancient and modern Christmas repertoire as we gather at Christ’s table to welcome his birth.

11:00 pm
Candlelight and the Ringing-in of Christmas
We hear the story of Jesus’ birth, sing carols, light candles as we welcome the light of the world in our midst. The OLD story takes on NEW meaning for our lives today.

4 pm & 7 pm services will be live-streamed. Watch on the Live Streaming page of our website: https://bit.ly/npcLIVE2021

So we will all be able to join together to sing carols, please wear your face mask.

For more information about these and other events and classes, go to www.northminster-indy.org and click on Events.
Flower Fund & Seasonal Decoration Donations

Please consider making a gift to the Seasonal Decoration Fund which provides flowers and other decorations for the Christmas season. Donations may be made in memory or honor of someone. See the enclosed form to mail your gift, go to our website, or give online at https://bit.ly/seasonalDecorations.

December Adult Education
The Christian Ed Team has great opportunities for Adult Ed in December as we celebrate the Advent season! **11:15 am to 12 noon:**

12/5 - Meditative Walk: Traveling to Bethlehem - Join Mary Beth Riner as she leads a Meditative Walk based on the story of traveling to Bethlehem.

12/12 - No Adult Education. Please join us for a special reception for Pastor Ruth Moore. (See details in this newsletter.)

12/19 - Singing Our Faith Through Advent - Join Carol McDonald to explore how song can guide us through this special time of Advent and Christmas.

Rooms/locations will be noted in upcoming Friday emails and on building signage. We hope you’ll join us!

**Needed: Able-bodied Evangelists!**
**When:** Sunday, December 19 – 11am (after worship)
**What:** To place Christmas Eve info door hangers out into the neighborhood.
**Where:** Meet in the Gathering Place for instructions
**Who:** Anyone with energy and a passion to share about our church. Should be able to walk from the church building up to Broad Ripple Ave.

To volunteer (and we need lots of you, so this won’t take more than an hour) please contact the church office at 317-251-9489, or sign up online by December 12th: https://bit.ly/DoorHangerDistribution. Dave & Ann Smazik will be our event coordinators.

**Open House & Reception for Pastor Ruth Moore**
There will be an Open House on Saturday afternoon, December 11th, and a Reception after the 10:00 am worship service on December 12th.

Appreciation gifts for Pastor Ruth will be collected and presented to her during the Reception.

**More details coming soon!**

**Special Congregational Meeting**
**Sunday, December 5th**
After the 10 am worship service (approximately 11 am) we will have a special congregational meeting for the purpose of dissolving the relationship with Pastor Ruth Moore. (Ruth’s last Sunday with us will be December 12th.)

**Make A Joyful Noise!**
’Tis the Advent Season, when Northminster makes the request for you to include a special Joy Offering in your contribution. Considering the past year and then some, our retired ministers could use the assistance, as they represent the bulwark of our church’s lifeblood. Our members of the clergy, past and present, are the direct recipients of your generosity. The other 50% of Joy Offerings fund racial ethnic education at Presbyterian schools and colleges across the country. With the current struggle for equity in the classroom, this year’s Special Offering support of racial and ethnic fairness is more relevant and important than ever. We are, in reality, the many colors of Joseph’s coat, from the refugees we sponsor to the Kenyan brethren we aid to our sisters and brothers down the street and across our community--all deserve parity in Christ’s world. Contribution envelopes can be found in your envelope box and in the pew racks.

**Christmas Eve Yard Signs**
Would you be willing to display one of our yard signs (with Christmas Eve service information) on your property or business? Please take one from the Gathering Place, starting in early December, or contact the church office at 317-251-9489 for details.
**Clothe-a-Child**
We will meet at NPC on Thursday, **December 9th in the Gathering Place at 8:30 am** to get ready to shop at Target at 9 am. We’ll have plenty of coffee and donuts ready for you as we gather for instructions.

We will be shopping without our student friends from School 55 as IPS students are still not allowed to go on field trips due to the pandemic. We will have lists of warm clothing and accessories to buy for 60 students. We need plenty of volunteers to shop, and your continued financial support, to make this traditional Christmas outreach a success.

[Sign up online at](https://bit.ly/npcCAC2021) Contact Associate Pastor Ruth Moore for more information: 317-251-9489 or ruthcmoore@northminster-indy.org.

**Special offering envelopes are in your envelope boxes and on the Information Tables at church.**

**New Members**
We welcomed two new members in our worship service on November 21st.

Ned Edington joined by reaffirmation of faith. He and his wife Sally recently moved to Indianapolis to be closer to their children. Ned is a retired probation officer, and he is keeping busy with rehabbing their new home as well as helping out with the Buildings and Grounds team at NPC.

Elizabeth Higgins joined by reaffirmation of faith. Liz and her husband Shawn are the parents of Levi and Luciana, and she is an elementary school teacher in Carmel Clay schools. She is already active on the Christian Education team at NPC.

**Christmas Blanket Project**
Let’s share the warmth of Christ's love with our neighbors during the holidays! The ladies of Circle 3 will be purchasing soft blankets/throws for children and families of the Iglesia Ebenezer congregation (a multi-national church doing good work in our city with families who are facing challenging situations). If you are able, please purchase a new blanket and place it in the yellow bin in the Gathering Place between **Thanksgiving and December 8**. Thank you!

**Youth Group**
Dec 5 - Youth Group, 5:30 pm
Dec 12 - Progressive Dinner
Dec 19 - Christmas Eve Practice

**Indy Fuel Hockey** - Youth Group/Family Event
Sunday, March 20, 3:00 pm (Leave church by 2:00 pm) Cost: $20 per person

**Montreat Youth Conference**
(for rising 9th-12th grades) June 11-18
Registration $295 per youth. Deposit: $100 (non-refundable, **due December 1st**)  

**Pokagon Family Weekend**
January 21-23, 2022  
Register on the Events page of our website. Limited lodging. **Deadline is Wednesday, Dec 1st!**  
Questions: Contact Nancy Fortenberry (nfortenberry@northminster-indy.org or 317-251-9489 ext. 18.)

**NPC College Care Packages**
Help us encourage our college students with a box of TLC to be sure they know how special they are to their church family! If you have items to donate, we need 20 of each! (Be creative!) Please drop items in the yellow bin in the Gathering Place by Nov. 28th.  

**Note to College Families:** Please contact Nancy Fortenberry with the address of your student: nfortenberry@northminster-indy.org

**Wednesday Night Program**
**Continues in January**
New ideas are brewing for the new year. Stay tuned for lots of new opportunities!
Dinner: 5:30-6:00 pm  
Children's Choirs: 6:00-6:50 pm  
Adult Classes: 6:00-6:50 pm  
Youth Bible Study: 6:00-6:50 pm  
Chancel Choir: 6:59-9:00 pm
Advent Fun for Everyone!
Join us on Sunday, December 5th, from 11:00-12:00 pm for our Advent Event! Music, refreshments, and Christmas activities for all ages! Don't miss this fun time to gather with your church family as we enter the Christmas season!

All Church Bake Sale
December 12th, 11am
The annual Bake Sale will be back in time for you to bake and purchase some delicious holiday treats. Everyone can participate. The proceeds from the sale will benefit projects to be determined. The Presbyterian Giving Catalog is being reviewed and other projects are being considered that may benefit Americans in need.

Bring your treats, ready to sell, on the 12th. Project ideas? Contact Emi Johnson: emi95642@gmail.com

Year-end Giving
Did you know that nationally 30% of charitable gifts are made in December? While giving at Northminster is a bit more even, December is still a busy month with members catching up on their pledges and making special gifts. To make sure your year-end gifts are included on your 2021 statement, please keep these deadlines in mind.

- Hand-delivered contributions: The office will be open until 5:00 PM on Friday, December 31, 2021
- Mailed contributions: Must be postmarked by December 31, 2021
- Online contributions: Give right up until midnight at www.northminster-indy.org

2021 has been quite a year as we have reimagined our life together in ministry and mission and honored our past. Your faithful and generous support allows us to welcome our future with renewed vitality. Thank you!

Friday, February 11, 2022  7:00 p.m.
Special Consensus
Two time Grammy nominee bluegrass band celebrates its 45th anniversary, winner of IBMA Song of the Year 2020.

Sunday, March 27, 2022   4:00 p.m.
Requiems and Alleluias
The Northminster Chancel Choir, orchestra, and internationally renowned soprano Sherezade Panthaki perform Michael Haydn’s Requiem, two fiery Vivaldi motets, and more.