



Northminster Presbyterian Church
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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

September 12, 2021

** Those who are able, please stand.*

Congregation responds in bold.

There is a designated section in the Sanctuary for children and accompanying adults during the 10:00am worship service.

This allows an option for social distancing during the latest Covid-19 surge.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

David Smazik

PRELUDE

Fanfare

William Mathias
(1934-1992)

Marko Petrić, Organ

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather to worship -

a sign that we are faithful to God.

We greet each other with "The Peace" -

a sign that we trust and support each other in the faith community.

We listen for God's word -

a sign that God, who has spoken in times past, still speaks to the people of God today.

We resolve to serve the living God -

**a sign that our faith has meaning and purpose for ourselves
and for those in our community.**

Let us worship the Triune God.

*** HYMN NO. 409**

God Is Here!

ABBOTT'S LEIGH

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world.

Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world.

The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas.

The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation.

We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression.

Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us.

Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

* SILENT CONFESSION

* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Brothers and sisters – hear this good news:

As people born of water and the Spirit we have died to the old life, and a new day has begun.

God's grace is poured out upon us day by day.

Be thankful and live as one who has been raised to new life!

Thanks be to God for new beginnings!

* GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME

GLORY TO GOD



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



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



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



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

* SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE (*Worshipers may greet one another with words of Christ's peace.*)

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

CHILDREN'S TIME

Ruth Chadwick Moore

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON

Philippians 1: 3-6

PSALM 19

Greg DeMey

Elisabeth Kleinsmith, Katie Ray, Simon Lee, Cantors

Through the wit-ness of cre - ation, through the glo - ry
of the Word, you show the way to the king-dom of light,
you show the way to e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 8: 27-38

SERMON

Seek, Serve, Embrace

Anne Ricchiuto, Mason King
and Russell Wareham

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

ANTHEM

How Can I Keep From Singing?

American Folk
arr. Eric Nelson
(born 1965)
Chancel Choir

My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation,
I hear the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing;
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

What though my joys and comforts die? My Savior still is living.
What though the shadows gather round? A new song Christ is giving.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Love commands both heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?

OFFERING

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN

These Walls in Silent Witness

KING'S LYNN

1. These walls in si - lent wit - ness bear mem - o - ries of grace;
2. What is this place that forms us? A house that peo - ple made,
3. O God, let brick and mor - tar, let con - crete, wood, and steel,
in pur - pose and in prac - tice, they shape a sa - cred space.
but more than that, an im - age: God's faith - ful - ness dis - played.
pro - claim your liv - ing pres - ence, the new life you re - veal.
The sounds of faith - ful peo - ple who sing and preach and pray
An i - con of our his - t'ry, its win-dows, walls, and beams
Un - bound - ed by our build - ings, but liv - ing with us still,
have filled this place with wor - ship that ech - oes yet to - day.
still call us to the fu - ture—a sign - post for our dreams.
teach us to use this dwell ing to seek and do your will.

* BLESSING AND CHARGE

May God bless you with God's presence as you go forth from this place.

May our ears be open and our hearts willing to accept God's call for our purpose.

May your mission and your individual lives be guided by the Holy Spirit.

Grateful for our heritage and surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses,

may we dedicate ourselves anew to the worship and service of almighty God.

Alleluia! Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

God be in my Head

John Wright
Chancel Choir

God be in my head and in my understanding;
God be in my eyes and in my looking;
God be in my mouth and in my speaking;
God be in my heart and in my thinking;
God be at my end and at my departing.



The flowers in the sanctuary are given in loving remembrance of Catherine L. Lord, wife, mother, and friend who, 64 years ago was wed in this sanctuary to William H. Lord on September 14th. And with gratitude to God who has nurtured and sustained us all in faith through word and sacrament, in the worship, work, and witness of Northminster Presbyterian Church, now 75+1. Glory to God!

-the Lord family

MUSIC IN WORSHIP

This morning's opening hymn, No. 409 "God Is Here," was commissioned in 1978 of Fred Pratt Green, a retired British United Methodist preacher and renowned hymn writer, to be sung at the closing service of an eighth month long festival. The hymn celebrates the arts, Christian symbols, and the breadth of our worship live as we dedicate ourselves to Christ's Church. The tune, **ABBOT'S LEIGH**, was written in 1941 by Cyril V. Taylor while he was working for the BBC (British Broadcasting Company) during World War II.

Today's final hymn, "These Walls in Silent Witness," helps us reflect on Northminster's church building, not just physically, but also in sacramental terms. How does a building allow people to recognize the presence of God? How does it form and shape a group of people? The text was written by Mennonite Adam Tice, who now lives and works in Goshen, Indiana.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Wednesday Night – Dinner (5:30pm), **Children's Choirs and Adult Offerings** (6pm), **Chancel Choir** – (7pm). Dinner – Adults \$5, Age 5-12 \$4, under 5 Free, max \$20. Reservations for dinner online or church office by Noon on Monday.

Wednesday Night Adult Classes – 6pm

Sept 15 - Ruth Moore - introductory class on Birth Order.

Sept 22 - Mary Beth Riner - introductory class on Contemplative Prayer.

Sept 29 - Gabe Goncalves - introductory class on the health benefits of Kombucha drinks.

New Fall Worship Schedule – Begins September 19 –

8:30am – Contemplative Service in the Sanctuary
10:00am – Traditional Service in the Sanctuary (Children’s Church School)
11:00am – Fellowship Time 11:15am – Christian Education

Zoom Northminster Reads. September 19, 5:30pm. *The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We can Prosper Together* by Heather McGhee.

Curious Conversations –NPC Info session. September 19, 11:15am-12:30pm. Learn more about our ministry and mission, and to get to know other newcomers to our faith community. Childcare will be provided if needed. Please RSVP to Ruth Moore.

NPC Talks-Young Adult Retreat – In-person/ Virtual. Saturday, September 25, 1-4pm. Childcare provided for in-person. Contact Pastor Ruth Moore for details.

Childcare Workers Needed. Wednesday nights 6 -9pm; Sunday mornings 8:15am -12:15pm. Contact Melissa Hopkins for more information.

Paving Our Path. Consider making a donation to the Northminster Foundation in memory of or in honor of someone who has made a difference in your faith journey or has helped Northminster in its ministry. \$75 contribution – recognize two individuals or families; \$750 contribution – recognize five individuals or families; \$7500 contribution – recognize ten individuals or families. Your gift will be used to provide support for the congregation through the Foundation for the next 75 years! All those who are honored or memorialized by a gift will be displayed in the Gathering Place through September on our Paving Our Path display.

Support for Refugees from Afghanistan--The Mission Team voted to spend their 2021 undesignated funds (\$6,000) to aid in the resettlement of refugees from Afghanistan. Almost 7,000 refugees have arrived or will be arriving in Indiana at Camp Atterbury in the next few weeks. Your donations will be used by Team Rubicon (a non-profit whose volunteer base is 70% veterans) to buy essential clothing, diapers, and school supplies. These are your giving dollars at work to bring relief to vulnerable refugees who are arriving in the US with only the clothes on their backs. This is being the hands and feet of Jesus.

*For more information on events and meetings –
and how to join Zoom events or meetings –
visit our website (northminster-indy.org).*

To give by text message on a smartphone, text the amount to 317-316-3009.

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**October 3 – World Communion Sunday and
3rd Grade Bible Presentations**

October 10 – Day of Caring

One brief service only at 10am in the parking lot
before we fan out through the neighborhood and city
to participate in mission projects

MINISTRY

David Smazik
Interim Pastor

Ruth Chadwick Moore
Associate Pastor

Nancy Fortenberry
Director, Youth and
Family Ministries

John M. Wright
Director, Music Ministries

Marko Petrić
Music Associate/Organist

Denise Harrington
Senior Ministry

Melissa Hopkins
Interim Christian Education

Carol McDonald
Parish Associate

Donald R. Durrett
Associate Pastor Emeritus

Lori Schlabach
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Administrator

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Nancy J. Sala
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Lead Custodian

Carol Campbell
John Reed
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Mary Beth Riner
Stephen Ministry Leaders