



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost | July 12, 2026 | 10:00 am

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

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Toccata in F Major" | Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

God's creation delights and astonishes.

Let the people pause and wonder!

God, the Creator, has made it all.

Let all creation shout and sing!

Alleluia!

* HYMN NO. 77

"Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old" | SAMANTHRA

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

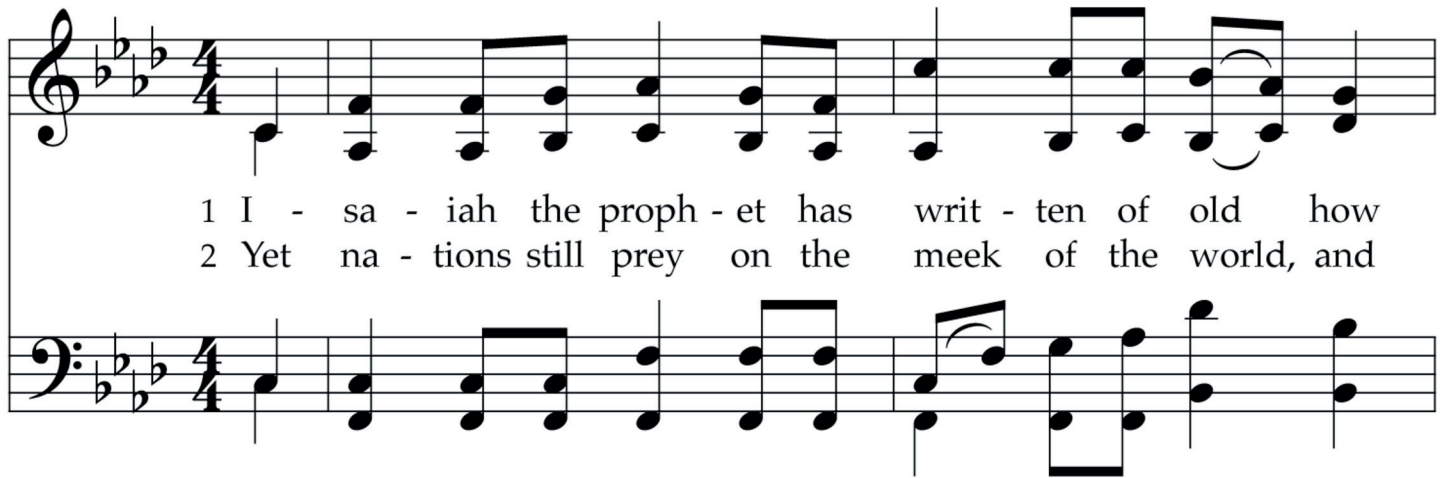
The fears and jealousies that we harbor
set neighbor against neighbor
and nation against nation.

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

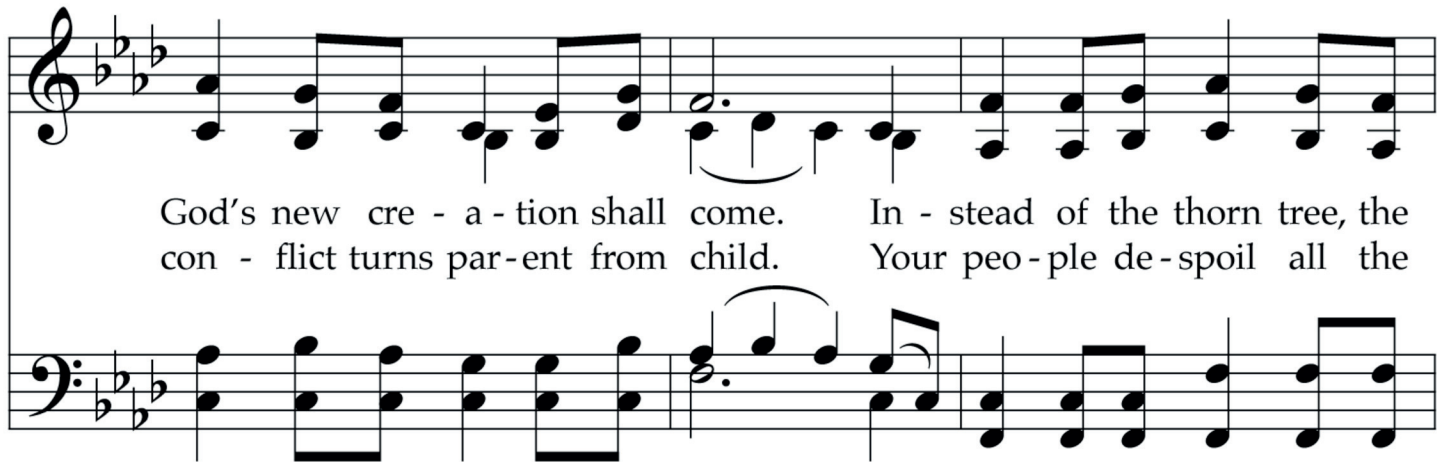
Lord, have mercy upon us;
heal and forgive us.

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

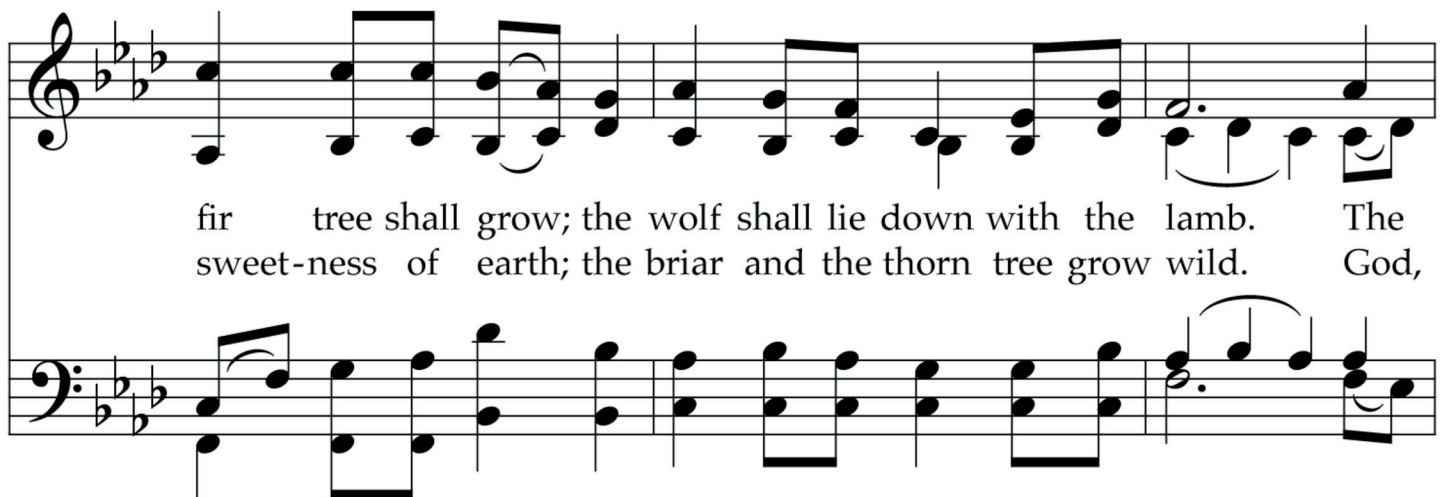
77 Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old



1 I - sa - iah the proph - et has writ - ten of old how
2 Yet na - tions still prey on the meek of the world, and



God's new cre - a - tion shall come. In - stead of the thorn tree, the
con - flict turns par - ent from child. Your peo - ple de - spoil all the



fir tree shall grow; the wolf shall lie down with the lamb. The
sweet - ness of earth; the briar and the thorn tree grow wild. God,

moun - tains and hills shall burst forth in - to song, the
bring to fru - i - tion your will for the earth, that

peo - ples be led forth in peace, for the earth shall be filled
no one shall hurt or de - stroy, that wis - dom and jus -

with the knowl - edge of God as the wa - ters cov - er the sea.
tice shall reign in the land and your peo - ple shall go forth in joy.

* **SILENT CONFESSION**

* **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Siblings in Christ,
when deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,
God forgives our transgressions.

**Let us be at peace,
for we know God restores and strengthens us.**

Indeed!

God waters our souls in its parched and hardened places.

If you hear nothing else today, hear these words:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven,

and freed to try again.

* **GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST**

Caribbean Conference of Churches

$\text{♩} = 132$

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (one sharp), and 3/4 time. It begins with a tempo marking of quarter note = 132. The melody consists of several measures of chords and single notes, with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to God's peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to God's peo - ple on earth. earth.' The score includes a repeat sign and a 'Last time' section. Chord symbols Em, E7, and Em are placed above the final measures.

Glo - ry to God in the high -

est and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to God's

peo - ple on earth

earth.

Em E7 Em

Repeats *Last time*

* **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 Summer Playtime

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON | PROPHET

Isaiah 55: 1-13 | OT p. 685-686

SECOND LESSON | PSALM

Psalm 65: 1-13 | *Daniel Schutte (b. 1947)*

Refrain



Glo-ry and praise to our God, who a-lone gives light to our days.



Man - y are the bless-ings he bears to those who trust in his



ways.

SERMON

"Psalm 65" | *Brian Shivers*



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN

"All Thanks and Praise We Offer" | *WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN*



1. All thanks and praise we of - fer to you, O Ho - ly One,
2. You clothe the earth in beau - ty, you keep and bless the land.
3. Your mer - cy and de - liv - 'rance is sure and swift for all;
4. The gates of dusk and morn - ing stand wide to praise your name;



for gifts of earth and heav - en, for life and breath and sun.
You dress the hills and mead - ows with flow - ers from your hand.
you lift us when we stum - ble and an - swer when we call.
they raise a shout of glad - ness and we should do the same.



All crea - tures gath - er near you to find in your em - brace
You hush the roar - ing o - cean and hold the moun - tains high.
When we are lost in dark - ness you are the light of day.
All thanks and praise we of - fer; to you all gifts be - long.



your peace and love a - bound - ing, the shel - ter of your grace.
You set the stars in mo - tion a - cross the end - less sky.
In you there is for - give - ness; you hear us when we pray.
We join your whole cre - a - tion in grate - ful, glo - rious song.

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

"Grand Chœur" | *Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)*

* 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 ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN NO. 714

"God of the Fertile Fields" | *ITALIAN HYMN*

* BLESSING AND CHARGE

May God bless and keep you.
May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
May God look upon you with favor and grant you peace.

Friends - go in peace, be of good cheer.

May Mother Earth smile at us.
May the Almighty God bless us.
May we dwell in a spirit of abundance.
Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE

"Grand Jeu" | *Pierre Du Mage (1674-1751)*



God of the Fertile Fields

714

1 God of the fer - tile fields, shap - er of
 2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
 3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
 4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the

earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
 trust from you all that you give; help us in
 serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
 Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our

boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
 love to share, teach us like you to care
 toil be used, no gift of yours a - busied,
 lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.

that all in ev - ery land be clothed and fed.
 for peo - ple ev - ery - where, that all may live.
 no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.
 Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

IN WORSHIP

Each Sunday in worship, we sing a setting of the “Gloria” as a response to the promise of God’s mercy and reconciliation. This brief song, which typically follows the Declaration of Forgiveness, is an appropriate way to acknowledge with thanks and joy that we are the beneficiaries of the unmerited gift of God’s mercy. Today’s Gloria, “Glory to God in the Highest,” comes from the Caribbean Conference of Churches, arranged by Patrick Prescod (1932-2013). Born in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Prescod was a virtuosic pianist and teacher. He studied at Trinity College of Music in London, then returned to St. Vincent and the Grenadines, taught music, and formed The Kingstown Chorale. Among honors bestowed on him were Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (M.B.E) in 1983 and Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (O.B.E) in 2007.

TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*
Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*
Marko Petričić | *Organ*
John Wright | *Cantor*

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Events and Announcements

Youth Group & Indiana Diaper Bank | July 20 | 9:30 am - 1:00 pm

Northminster Youth Group is volunteering at the Indiana Diaper Bank! We'll start at the church, head to the Diaper Bank to volunteer, and then have lunch before coming back. All ages welcome! Use the QR code to register!



Back to School Supply Sorting | July 21 | 10:00 am - 5:30 pm

Join us as we prepare supplies and backpacks for Washington Township students returning next school year! Volunteers are needed to sort, organize, and pack supplies. Sign up through the QR code.



Theology on Tap | July 23 | 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Pull up a chair, grab a beverage, and enjoy some conversation with pastors Karen and Brian on four Thursdays this summer! Please RSVP using the QR code by Monday, July 20.



Youth Group Putt-Putt | July 26 | 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Youth are invited to join us for Putt-Putt, dinner, and possibly bowling or laser tag as well! There is no cost to attend; just use the QR code to let us know if you plan to attend.



July Mission Team Collection: School Supplies

The Mission Team is collecting school supplies (specifically index cards, spiral notebooks, and poster paper) for our partners Broad Ripple Middle School and School 55! Items can be donated to the brown bins in The Gathering Place.

Neighborhood Block Party | August 1 | 12:00 - 3:00 pm

Join us for a neighborhood block party! This event is completely free and will feature a cookout, 3v3 basketball tournament, and various games for kids and adults. Want to help us plan numbers? Submit an RSVP using the QR code!



The Ecumenical Yogi Blog and Podcast

A new episode is now available! Episode six, "Meet Your Fitness Professional with Susan Holewinski," can be found on our website or using the QR code. A new blog post, "Impermanence and Attachment," is also available.



Northminster Community Preschool

Northminster Preschool has open enrollment spots available for the fall for children ages 18 months through 5 years old! NCP is also seeking a Lead Teacher for the 3/4s classroom. Learn more by scanning the QR code.



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Music Associate/Organist

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Krista Wright
Spiritual Wholeness and Wellness Coordinator

Elisabeth Kleinsmith Russ
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Custodian

Rod Mail
Stephen Ministry Leader

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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