



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost | July 26, 2026 | 10:00 am

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

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"This is My Father's World" | *Duane Funderbunk (b. 1950)*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to God and call on God's name.

God has done wonderful works for us.

God's promises are sure.

Sing praises to God!

Let us worship our God, for God is faithful.

* HYMN NO. 804

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!" | *MARION*

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Spirit, intercede . . .

when we fall short of your glory,

when we do not deserve your promises,

when we do not act like those who have been called your family.

Spirit, intercede . . .

when our words wound,

when our silence speaks volumes,

when our actions are a far cry from what you would have us do.

Spirit, intercede . . .

break forth into our lives,

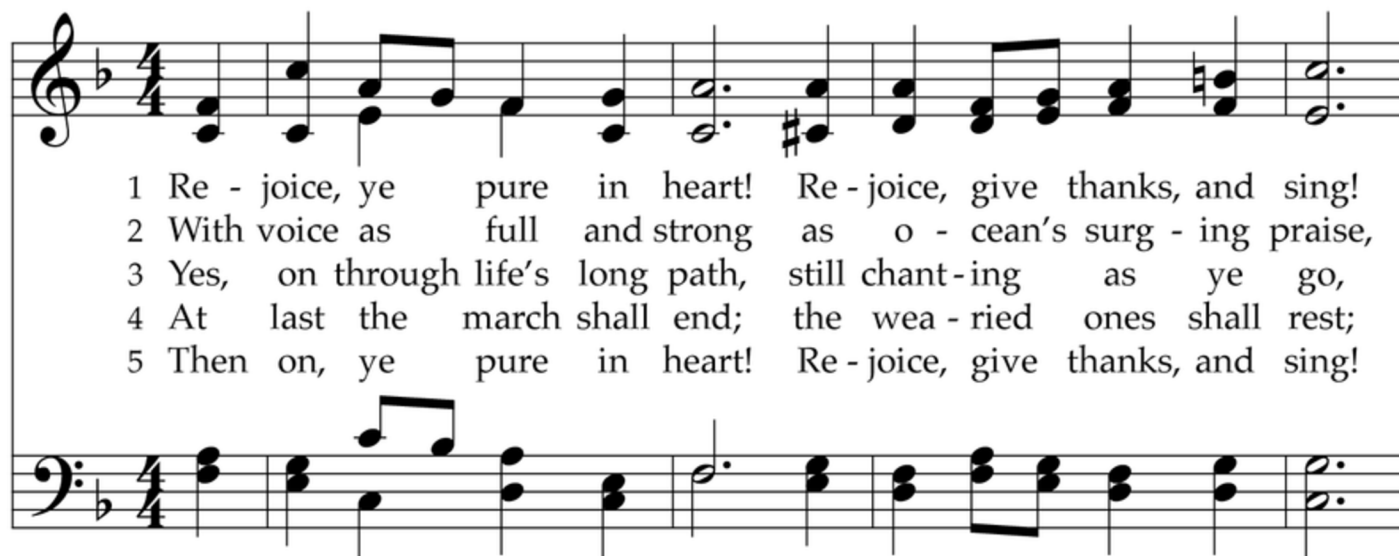
forming us into the image of your Son,

that we might never feel separate from you again.

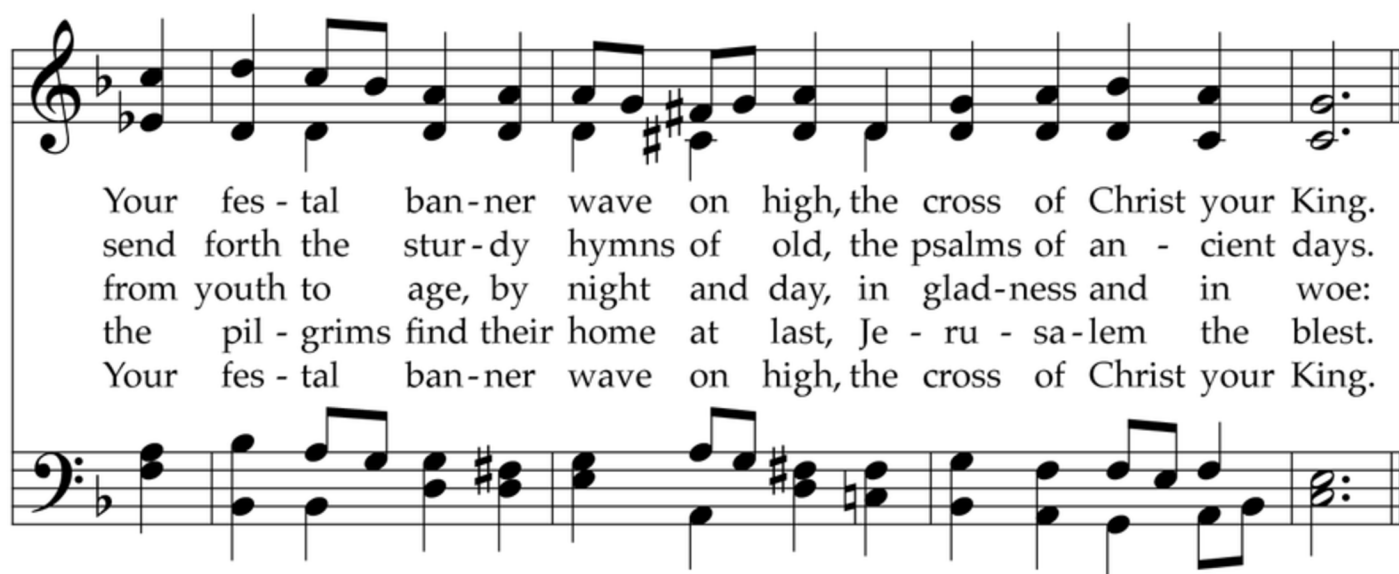
* SILENT CONFESSION



804 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!



1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
 2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
 3 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go,
 4 At last the march shall end; the wea - ried ones shall rest;
 5 Then on, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!



Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
 send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
 from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe:
 the pil - grims find their home at last, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.
 Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
 Re - joice! Re - joice!

* **WORD OF GRACE**

Friends, nothing is impossible with God.

No matter what, nothing can separate us from God's presence and God's love.

Hear this word of grace,
our sin is forgiven.

We are loved. We are freed.

Glory be to God for this grace and mercy!

* **GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST**

Caribbean Conference of Churches

$\text{♩} = 132$

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff in the key of D major (one sharp). The time signature is 3/4. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 132. 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 after the first line. The final line has two endings: 'Repeats' and 'Last time'. The 'Repeats' ending is marked with an Em chord and the 'Last time' ending is marked with an Em chord. The 'Last time' ending features a long note with a fermata.

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

Em E7 Em
Repeats *Last time*
peo - ple on earth earth.

* **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 | PSALM

Psalm 105: 1-11



SECOND LESSON | EPISTLE

Romans 8: 26-39 | NT p. 158-159

SERMON

"It's Not That" | *Brian Shivers*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from Romans 8:1, 28, 38-39)

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose.

We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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

"Morning Has Broken" | *BUNESSAN*; arr. Brant Adams (b. 1955)

* 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

"When Acquainted with the Night" | *ABERYSTWITH*

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* BLESSING AND CHARGE

May the God of creation, liberation, and illumination
bless you this day and always.

With a song of praise on our lips,

we go forth with God.

With the love of God in our hearts,

we go forth with God.

With all that we are and all we can be,

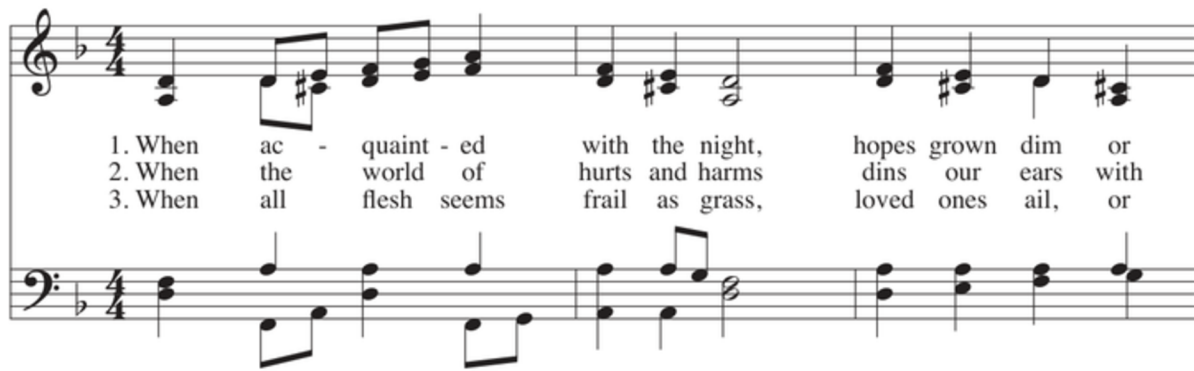
we go forth with God.

POSTLUDE

"Fugue in F Major" | *J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*



When Acquainted with the Night



1. When ac - quaint - ed with the night, hopes grown dim or
 2. When the world of hurts and harms dins our ears with
 3. When all flesh seems frail as grass, loved ones ail, or



lost to sight, anx - ious, work - worn, fraught with care,
 harsh a - larms— tor - ious, hun - ger, war and strife—
 age and pass, sick with grief and loss and pain,



still we voice our fer - vent pray'r:
 still we hear the call of life: Nei - ther past nor fu - ture hours,
 still we sing this strong re - frain:



death, dis - tress, nor rag - ing pow'rs, nei - ther per - il,



fire, nor sword, sep - a - rates us from our God.

IN WORSHIP

Psalm 105: 1-11 reminds us that God keeps the promises that God has made, and this is cause for praise. The first six verses call on “Jacob’s offspring” to give the Lord thanks and then, in the same breath, to “make known to all the world the Lord’s great wonders.” Verses 7-11 assure the people that God will remember God’s covenant “forever.”

We welcome violinist Yevgeniy Dvorgalyuk and appreciate his musical contributions to our worship service. A native of Riga, Latvia, Dr. Dvorgalyuk has performed in venues throughout the United States and Europe, including Sweden, the United Kingdom, Ukraine, Latvia, and Russia. He has performed with some of the world's greatest artists, including Yo-Yo Ma, Joshua Bell, Wynton Marsalis, Stevie Wonder, and Amy Grant, to name a few. For the past nine years, Dr. Dvorgalyuk has served as concertmaster with the Lynchburg Symphony Orchestra. He is also assistant professor of violin at Liberty University. An avid chamber musician, he is the founder of the Liya String Quartet.

TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*
Marko Petričić | *Organ*
Yevgeniy Dvorgalyuk | *Violin*
Jackie Lutzke | *Liturgist*
Marilyn Baumgardt | *Cantor*

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Events and Announcements

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!



Block Party Volunteers Needed | August 1

Volunteers are needed for the block party! Various positions include food prep, basketball tourney support, children's games support, photographers, floaters, and grill donations. Sign up on Civic Champs or scan the QR code.



NPC Knits | August 3 | 1:00 - 3:00 pm

If you're interested in knitting or crocheting, with a dash of social justice, please join us! Bring your needles, yarn, and friends. All people and skill levels welcome! New dates added through December on our website.



Theology on Tap | August 13 | 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Pull up a chair, grab a beverage, and enjoy deep/lively/fun/light/meaningful conversation with Pastor Brian and Pastor Karen! Scan the QR code or visit our website to RSVP.



Yoga Workshops | August 14 | 12:15 - 2:15 pm

Yoga workshops are back! These two-hour intensives focus on a different subject matter each month, and for August we'll focus on core strength/pelvic floor. Learn more and register using the QR code!



Outdoor Worship & Picnic | August 16 | 10:00 am

Join us for outdoor worship on Ralston Commons! Following worship, we'll offer a picnic (boxed) lunch for both adults and children. Volunteers are also needed to assist with setup and cleanup! Scan the QR code to learn more.



Youth Group @ Indiana State Fair | August 23 | 4:00 - 7:00 pm

Youth Group is heading to the Indiana State Fair! Entry is free, but youth are encouraged to bring money for snacks, games, or rides. Specific details about drop-off and pick-up will be added closer to the event.

August Mission Team Collection: Canned Fruit, Peanut Butter, and Soap

The Mission Team is collecting canned fruit, peanut butter, and bars or bottles of hand soap for our partner Westminster Neighborhood Services! Items can be donated to the brown bins in The Gathering Place.

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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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