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Welcome to worship at Northminster!

Thank you for worshipping with us today. If you are visiting with us this morning we hope you feel the presence of God and the hospitality of this congregation. If you have any questions about our church please ask one of the pastors or a greeting host wearing a red “Ask Me” badge.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 9, 2018

WAIT

* =  *Those who are able, please stand.*

Congregation responds in bold.

CENTERING THOUGHT

Write the vision,
make it plain

so that it may be read.

For there is still a vision
it speaks of the day of the Lord
and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry,

WAIT;

For surely the vision will come.

Katherine Hawker

APPROACHING GOD

Please silence your cell phone before worship begins.

 **WELCOME**

Teri Thomas

 **PRELUDE** (9:00) God's Son is Coming

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

(11:00) Greensleeves

arr. Kristin Campbell
Kathy Hershberger, Viola

 ***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(9:00) Leona Melton, Beth Spradlin
(11:00) Banks Family

People of God, Esther was an heroic woman

who took a great risk to save her community.

We are waiting, O God, for the salvation of your people.

May God reveal to us how best to live in these days of waiting.

**As we journey down this advent road, we pray for the
strength that comes from waiting for you.**

(two candles are lighted)

In our Advent worship, in our Advent living, we wait for you,
O God.

Come, Lord Jesus! Let us worship God!

 ***HYMN NO. 93** Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

TRURO

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
 2 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
 3 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to

King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is
 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
 thee; here, Lord, a - bide. Let me thy in - ner

draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here.
 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
 pres - ence feel; thy grace and love in me re - veal.



***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Ruth Chadwick Moore

In this Advent season of waiting,

Scripture reminds us

we are not to keep silent at such a time as this.

It is easy to ignore the pain of the world around us ...

to overlook the tragedy of refugees seeking new lives ...

to discount those who have to access

to clean water, fresh food, and life-saving medicine.

In this Advent season of waiting,
Forgive us, O God, for our silence.
remind us that, like Esther,
we are called to leadership for such a time as this.
Inspire us to speak up – for you are drawing near.
In the name of Jesus, we pray.



***SILENCE FOR PERSONAL PRAYER AND
REFLECTION**



***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Sisters and Brothers, wait with expectation!
The Savior of the world is near!
Let your praises rise up to the heavens!
Hear and believe the news that is good:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Alleluia! Amen!



***GLORIA**

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Glo---ria, in excelsis Deo, Glo---ria, in excelsis Deo.



***SHARING THE PEACE**

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

(Worshipers may greet one another with words of Christ's peace.)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD



CHILDREN'S TIME

Children may be excused for Church School at this time.



ANTHEM (9:00) Whatcha Gonna Call That Baby?

Phyllis Wolfe-White
Peace Choir

(11:00) The Rune of Hospitality from the Gaelic
music by Alf Houkom
Nemanja Ostojić, Guitar

I saw a stranger; I saw a stranger yestere'en
I put food in the eating place, Drink in the drinking place,
Music in the list'ning place; and in the sacred names of the
Triune
He blessed me and my house, My cattle and my dear ones.
And the lark said in her song:
Often, often, often goes the Christ in the stranger's guise:
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 **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

 **LESSON**

Esther 4: 1-17 (Pg. 446)

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

 **SERMON**

Wait

Teri Thomas

 **SILENCE FOR REFLECTION**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

 ***HYMN NO. 92** While We Are Waiting, Come

WAITING

1 While we are wait - ing, come;
 2 With power and glo - ry, come;
 3 Come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come;

while we are wait - ing, come.
 with power and glo - ry, come.
 come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come.

Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u - el,

while we are wait - ing, come.

 **RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS** (11:00)

Nick and Kristi Walden, Joan and Tom Branson, Rebekah Ryan,
Sherri Pankratz, Carol Euliss, Danessa Euliss, Eridyn Euliss,
Tristin Rose, Christine Hansen

 **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**

Bobby McFerrin

(b. 1950)

Chancel Choir

The Lord is my Shepard, I have all I need
She makes me lie down in green meadows
Beside the still waters, She will lead

She restores my soul, She rights my wrongs
She leads me in a path of good things
And fills my heart with songs

Even though I walk, through a dark and dreary land
There is nothing that can shake me
She has said She won't forsake me
I'm in her hand

She sets a table before me, in the presence of my foes
She anoints my head with oil
And my cup overflows

Surely, surely goodness and kindness will follow me
All the days of my life
And I will live in her house
Forever, forever and ever

Glory be to our Mother, and Daughter
And to the Holy of Holies
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be
World, without end,
Amen.



***DOXOLOGY** Christ to thee, with God the Father

W ZLOBIE LEZY

**Christ to thee with God the Father, and O Holy Ghost to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving,
and unwearied praises be:
honor, glory and dominion, and eternal victory,
evermore and evermore. Amen! Amen!**



***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

GOING FORTH



***HYMN NO. 350** Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

KEEP YOUR LAMPS

1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing; keep your
 2 It's our faith makes us hap - py; it's our
 3 We are climb - ing Ja - cob's lad - der; we are
 4 Ev - ery round goes high - er, high - er; ev - ery

lamps trimmed and burn - ing; keep your lamps
 faith makes us hap - py; it's our faith
 climb - ing Ja - cob's lad - der; we are climb - ing
 round goes high - er, high - er; ev - ery round goes

trimmed and burn - ing, for the time is draw - ing nigh.
 makes us hap - py, for the time is draw - ing nigh.
 Ja - cob's lad - der, for the time is draw - ing nigh.
 high - er, high - er, for the time is draw - ing nigh.

Refrain

Sis - ters, don't grow wea - ry; broth - ers, don't grow wea - ry;

MUSIC IN WORSHIP

Bobby McFerrin is most well-known for his 1988 hit single, *Don't worry, Be Happy*. However, he is equally at home in writing for jazz and scat singing, vocal percussion, and choral music. His setting of this traditional psalm text is altered to refer to a feminine pronoun instead of a masculine one; this was done in honor of his mother.

Alf Houkom is one from a large list of American choral musicians to come from Minnesota. His piece *The Rune of Hospitality* was commissioned and recorded by *The Dale Warland Singers*, and unites his expertise in writing for choral ensemble and classical guitar.

WORSHIP ART ADVENT 2018

Advent is a season of waiting for the Christ Child to arrive. Each year we "wait" for four weeks for our Christmas celebration. We know what is coming. Our Christian ancestors in the Old Testament waited for generations and generations. They watched, they waited, they trusted that God's promise would be fulfilled. They had no idea what was coming but again and again they believed and they waited. The worship art this season is inspired by the generations of waiting.

Christmas Eve – December 24

We celebrate the birth of a baby in Bethlehem.

4pm

*Children and youth choirs will lead us in worship
for all generations.*

7pm

A quiet, candlelight communion service.

10:30pm

*A musical prelude will begin the 11pm candlelight
service.*

Sunday Worship

December 16 – is the third Sunday of Advent. The word for the day is **PROMISE** and the prophet Isaiah will remind us how long the Jews had been waiting for their Messiah. Our Chancel Choir will join with orchestra and present Rutter's *Gloria* to move us toward the birth of our Savior.

December 23 – We leave the prophets and move to the Gospel of Matthew to hear the story of Joseph. The man found himself in a real pickle and yet managed to do the right thing. Our word for the day is **TRUST**.

December 30 – Christmas continues as we celebrate the 1st Sunday of Christmas. We remain with Matthew's version of the Christ story and sing some of the carols we missed earlier.

Mission and Outreach

Christmas Joy Offering

Each year during the Advent and Christmas season, we turn our eyes to Bethlehem and celebrate the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ, our Savior. By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering, you honor this gift by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

The offering envelopes are in members pledge boxes or an envelope can be found in pew racks or on information tables. The offering will be received on Christmas Eve.

Events and Education

Advent Study-Explore the Advent Scriptures –Wednesdays at 6pm OR Sundays, 10am

Youth Group

December 9, Scavenger Hunt and Christmas Party, 5:30pm.

December 30, New Year's Eve Eve, 5:30pm

Christian Doctrine – Wednesday evening study – begins on
January 23

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(northminster-indy.org).*

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ShelbyNext, will then prompt you through a one-time set up for
giving.**

MINISTRY

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