

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 22, 2017

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME

As the welcome pads are passed down your aisle, please help us to celebrate your worshipping with us today by signing the register.

PRELUDE

Tallis Canon

Richard Purvis

A Thought as You Prepare for Worship

Christianity began as a religion of the poor and dispossessed — farmers, fishermen, Bedouin shepherds. There's a great lure to that kind of simplicity and rigor — the discipline, the call to action.

—Camille Paglia

INTROIT

From the Nets of Our Labor

J. Kleinheksel, Sr.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

W. Brueggemann, alt.

You are the God who calls people like us, and the long list of Simon's and Mary's before us, who trusted the promise enough to keep the call.

So we give you thanks that you are a calling God, who calls always to dangerous new places.

We pray for enough of your grace and mercy among us that we may be among those who believe your promises enough to respond to your call.

We gather to hear and respond. Let us worship God!

The casting net method of fishing has been used around the Mediterranean for more than 4000 years.

The rose in the chancel this morning celebrates the birth of Jack Dowland Glisson. Jack was born last Sunday, January 15th. We rejoice with parents Christina and Wade and big brother Will that Jack is here.

An asterisk indicates that you are invited to stand in body or in Spirit as you feel led and are able.*

*Please join in speaking or singing all words printed in **bold italics**.*

We traditionally use the "debts" and "debtors" form of the Lord's Prayer.

*OPENING HYMN *God Is Here!* Purple, No. 409

*OPENING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR NEED OF GRACE *J. Birch, alt.*

***You call us and we ignore your whisper,
listening to the voices of this world.
You call us and we choose a different path,
following our own devices.
You call us to be your voice in this world,
to be your hands in this world,
to be your feet in this world,
to proclaim your peace, your comfort,
forgiveness, healing, love and grace.
Forgive us, open our ears, call us again,
and use us for the good of your world. Amen.***

ASSURANCE OF RESTORATION

God cherishes us just as we are,

Christ loves us enough not to leave us as we are.

The Spirit's love renews us and calls us to a new life.

We are forgiven and we will live with joy! Alleluia!

*RESPONSE *Change My Heart, O God* Purple, No. 695

*SHARING THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you. ***And also with you.***

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PREPARATION *Come and Find the Quiet Center* Blue, No. 2128

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***Light of Lights, in this season when the light grows longer
each day, through the Word proclaimed today, show us
what you want us to see, point us where you want us to
go, lead us and we will follow. Amen.***

ANTHEM *Open Thou Mine Eyes* J. Rutter

Today in Sunday School, Northminster's children will be learning about the calling of the disciples as recorded in both Matthew and Luke, including today's passage plus Luke 8:1-3 and Matthew 4:12-23, 9:9-13 and 10:1-4.

SERMON READING

Luke 5:1-11

NT, p. 62

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Fresh Catch

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN

You Walk along Our Shoreline

Purple, No. 170

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Belhar Confession, Portion of Sec. 2

We believe:

That Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another;

That unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit, it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain;

That this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly, that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and the world and must be resisted.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

RESPONSE

Shepherd Me, O God
(three times)

Purple, No. 473

Shepherd me, O God
Beyond my wants, beyond my fears,
From death into life.

OUR WORSHIPFUL WORK TOGETHER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory

In Endless Song

J. M. Martin

*Response

Doxology

Purple, No. 607

The Belhar Confession, originally written in Afrikaans, was drafted by the Dutch Reformed Mission Church (a majority non-white denomination in South Africa) in 1986. After a multi-year review and voting process, it was formally added to the Presbyterian Church USA Book of Confessions in the summer of 2016.

The text of the Doxology was revised in 1988 to emphasize the role of the Trinity, so that God, Christ and the Holy Spirit are the recipients of our praise in succeeding lines.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Generous One, whose heart abounds with gifts for creation, receive this offering and our very lives as signs of our intention to live surrounded by your mercy, open to the joy of your presence, living your generosity every day. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN

Purple, No. 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CLOSING RESPONSE *We Will Rise Up and Follow*

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

Michael McCabe

*The Chancel Flowers today are given to the
Glory of God by the Fennell family.*

*If you depart during the
postlude, please be
mindful of those still in
in worshipful
contemplation.*

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Preaching—Rev. Michael D. Kirby

Liturgist—Rev. Jessica Gregory

A Time with the Children—Kelly Brest van Kempen

Musicians—Dr. Christopher Owen, Paul Vander Weele, Northminster Chancel Choir

Choral Soloists—Johanna Moffitt, soprano; Jackie King, alto;

Dennis Kalup, tenor; Steve Uliana, bass

Ushers—Tom Abendroth, Linda Beckstedt, Bruce Eddy, Scott Kellogg

Acolytes—Thomas & Ginevra Kellogg

Our Northminster Family at Work

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