

NORTHMINSTER NOTES DECEMBER 10, 2017

TODAY IS BAPTISM SUNDAY

Childcare for infants through 2s is offered in the Nursery at 9:15
Preschoolers meet for Sunday School at 9:25 in the Music Room downstairs
Elementary Sunday Schoolers (K-5th) start in worship at 9:30 with parents
Junior Highers (6th-8th) begin in worship at 9:30
Worship Service/Baptism is at 9:30 in the Sanctuary

Fellowship Time follows the worship service in Logan Hall – Northminster Orchestra Plays!
“Blue Over You” ticket sales and Boy Scouts deliver pre-ordered greens during Fellowship Time
Everyone is invited for caroling at the Presbyterian Homes at noon, meet at McDonough Pavilion

Advent Service Thursday

Don't forget to come after ToGather to the second in the Advent Service series, “The World is about to Turn.” This week will be about Joy.

We will meet in the Guild Room at 7 p.m. for the lighting of the Advent wreath, a scripture reading, meditation and singing of the third verse of our Advent theme hymn, “Canticle of the Turning.”

Service of Lessons and Carols, December 17th

On Sunday, December 17th, there will be a festive Service of Lessons and Carols during our regular worship time. This service has been one of the traditional ways Protestant churches have marked the celebration of the nativity for almost a century.

Based on a service of nine lessons and carols first presented in December, 1918, at King's College in Cambridge, England, the service combines music, scripture and traditional worship elements to bring together both Advent and Christmas texts in a single joyful, poignant and beautiful service, a bridge of sorts between the two liturgical seasons.

This year, Northminster's Chancel Choir, Director of Music Christopher Owen, our pastors, and guest musicians have adapted the format to create a wonderful service, highlighting multiple seasonal anthems by the Chancel Choir and to allow for festive congregation singing as well. This is indeed a special gift of worship and music for Northminster's Advent Season.

Service of the Longest Night, December 21st

The winter solstice is the longest period of darkness in the year, and on this night we will come together in St. Andrew Chapel to worship. This joyous time of year isn't joyous for many and the blazing lights of the season cannot illumine all the shadowed parts of our lives. So we will gather for prayer in word and song, for contemplation, for anointing, for healing, and to rest in the embrace of our God, who is with us always -- in our joys and in our struggles.

Opportunity to Order Bob Chesnut's Book

Some Northminster members were unable to buy Bob Chesnut's book, *Meeting Jesus the Christ Again: A Conservative Progressive Faith*, because his supply was exhausted before the queue ended November 26th when he was here for the adult education class.

Bob is sending a further supply of his book to John Morrison for sale to anyone who would like to have one. Please advise John (847-869-5950) if you would like to buy a copy and he will get it to you. The cost is \$20.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THIS WEEK

December

- 11 Al-Anon (10:15 a.m. Library)
Bell Choir Practice (6 p.m. Bell Room)
Northminster Nursery School Board (7:15 p.m. Guild Room)
Old Men's Jazz Band (8 p.m. Logan Hall)
- 12 Mom's Morning Out (9:15 a.m. Nursery)
Bible Study (10 a.m. Westminster Place)
Boy Scouts' Holiday Party (7 p.m. Guild Room)
- 13 Finance Committee (7:30 p.m. Library)
Mission & Social Justice Committee (7:30 p.m. Guild Room)
- 14 Men's Fellowship Breakfast (6:30 a.m. Prairie Joe's Café)
Mom's Morning Out (9:15 a.m. Nursery)
ToGather (6:15 p.m. Logan Hall)
Advent Service (7 p.m. Guild Room)
Choir Practice (7:30 p.m. Choir Room)
- 15 Mom's Morning Out (9:15 a.m. Nursery)
Staff Christmas Luncheon (12 p.m. Offsite)
- 16 Gingerbread House Contest (10 a.m. Logan Hall)

Welcome Visitors!!

Please stop by the visitor table in the entryway for a gift and information about Northminster.

Then, come downstairs for Fellowship Time in Logan Hall!