

# SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

## NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 4, 2018

5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN EPIPHANY

ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY



### 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

*Sarabande*

Gerald Near

A Thought as You Prepare for Worship

*“Sow a thought and you reap an action; sow an act and you reap a habit; sow a habit and you reap a character; sow a character and you reap a destiny.”—Ralph Waldo Emerson*

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Adapted from Psalm 95*

O come, let us sing to the Lord;

***Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!***

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;

***Let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise!***

For the Lord is a great God, and a great Ruler above all gods.

***In God's hand are the depths of the earth; and the heights of the mountains and the seas are God's, for all are Divinely made, formed by the hand of the Most High.***

*Our cover photo is of a community well in a village on the West Bank. The well in today's passage would not have been dramatically different.*

*The rose in the chancel celebrates the birth of Zachary Everett Johannsson, born on January 17th. Zachary is welcomed home by his parents, Amber Allen and Dan Johannsson, and his big sister and brother, Adeline and Oliver. We praise God for the miracle of new life and give God thanks that Zachary 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**.

The text of our opening hymn was originally written in Welsh by William Williams. The English translations are by both Williams and an unrelated Methodist publisher, Peter Williams. It was the only hymn used in both the funeral service for Princess Diana of Wales (1997) and the wedding service for her son, Prince William, to Catherine Middleton (2011).

Today in Sunday School, Northminster's youngest also will be learning about the woman at the well from John 4:5-42.

We will neither fear nor test our God.

***But will worship, remember and rejoice.***

***Let us worship God!***

\*OPENING HYMN

Purple, No. 65

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

\*OPENING PRAYER

\*SHARING THE PEACE

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

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM

*When We All Live as One*  
Elementary Sunday School Choir

Mark Burrows

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PREPARATION

*Lord, Prepare Me (Sanctuary)*

Purple, No. 701

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***Author of life, author of all wisdom, open us this day to hear in ancient songs new strains of your powerful love, new harmonies of hope, and a melody of wisdom to guide our day, our week, our lives. Amen.***

SERMON READING

John 4:1-42

NT, pp. 94-95

This is the word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON

*One Sows and Another Reaps*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN

*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

Purple, No. 81

OUR WORSHIPFUL WORK TOGETHER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory

*God Is Here!*

C. Taylor; arr. L. Afdah

Adult Bell Choir

\*Response

*In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*

Purple, No. 654

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Almighty God, you have given us talents for life and for serving you. We bring to you now the fruits of our labors. Bless what we give. Receive what we offer as a sign of our gratitude for all we have received by your grace. Amen.***

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

\*HYMN *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart* Purple, No. 523, vss. 1-3

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Friends, the Spirit of God gives life to the world!

***Life that never ends!***

Here and now Christ feeds the world.

***Plenty for all, enough for today.***

Come to the table of justice and joy.

***No one will be turned away.***

***None in need will go wanting.***

Let praise go up to God our Life!

***From every creature on God's good earth.***

How right it is to praise you, gracious God,....

That he breathed on us the peace of God.

***We remember that he called us friends. He taught us to love each other as he loved us.***

We remember that he feasted with the poor and rich, with strangers and friends. To eat with him was to taste how good you are.

***Come, Holy Spirit, bless this bread that the earth has given and human hands have made. May it be for all the Bread of Life! Bless this cup, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. May it be for all the Cup of Peace!***

THE LORD'S PRAYER (using "debts" and "debtors")

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

RECEPTION OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION MUSIC

D. Wagner

Meditation on *Let Us Break Bread Together*

Adult Bell Choir

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Purple, No. 523, vss. 4 & 5

*You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

*Our communion liturgy today is one developed collaboratively by members of Pastor Michael's clergy group, The Well, who this year will be meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina on April 15-20.*

*Today, as a sign that God comes to us where we are, we receive communion at our seats. Remembering that we are each loved for our unique selves, when the bread comes, you are invited to eat it individually. Remembering too, that we are part of a larger community of believers, we hold the cup until all have received and drink together.*

# BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*CLOSING HYMN Purple, No. 479  
*Ho, All Who Thirst (Come Now to the Water)*

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune* Michael McCabe

ANNUAL MEETING

*The Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God  
and in celebration of Daniel and Henry Fennell's seventh birthday.*

*You are invited to remain in your seats after the Postlude for Northminster's Annual Meeting of the Congregation. Visitors are invited to stay as well.*

## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

*Preaching*—Rev. Michael D. Kirby

*Liturgists*—Rev. Jessica C. Gregory & Michael Whitney

*A Time with the Children*—Greg Boyer

*Musicians*—Dr. Christopher Owen, Paul Vander Weele, Adult Bell Choir  
Elementary Sunday School Choir

*Ushers*—Pat Drinkwine, Kent Geibel, Ryan Gregory, Dennis Trautvetter

*Acolytes*—Alec Carroll & Henry Rogowski

## Our Northminster Family at Work

### PROGRAM AND WORSHIP STAFF

Rev. Michael D. Kirby—*Senior Pastor & Head of Staff*

Rev. Jessica C. Gregory—*Associate Pastor*

Rev. Ann Ohlrogge Johnson—*Parish Associate*

Dr. Christopher Owen—*Director of Music*

Paul Vander Weele—*Organist*

Kate Lee—*Director of Youth Music*

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Meredith Rogowski—*Director of Children's Ministry*

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Carey Garrison—*Director of Mom's Morning Out*

Claudinetta Voltaire—*Mom's Morning Out Assistant/  
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Greg Boyer—*Clerk of Session*

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