

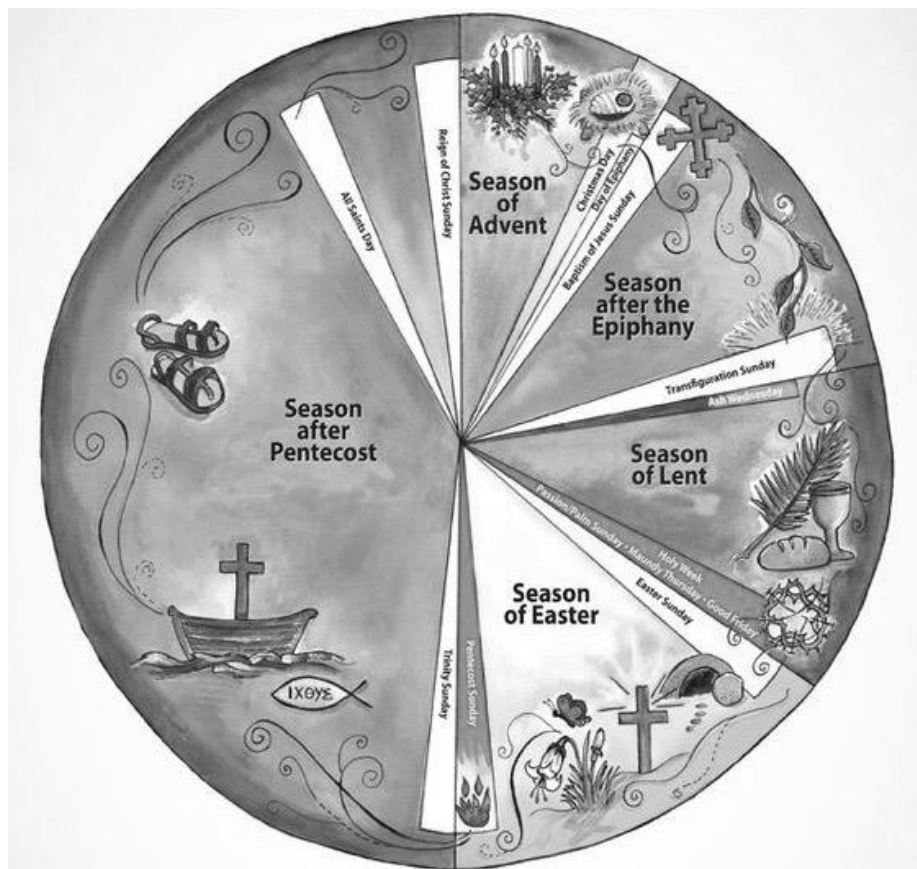
# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 26, 2017

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

CELEBRATING THE CHURCH YEAR



### 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.*

#### A Thought as You Prepare for Worship

*The task of liturgy is to order the life of the holy community following the text of Holy Scripture. It consists of two movements. First it gets us into the sanctuary, the place of adoration and attention, listening and receiving and believing before God. There is a lot involved, all the parts of our lives ordered to all aspects of the revelation of God in Jesus. Then it gets us out of the sanctuary into the world into places of obeying and loving, ordering our lives as living sacrifices in the world to the glory of God.*

—Eugene Peterson

*Today's cover art, like today's worship, celebrates the liturgical year. Today is the final Sunday of the liturgical year; a new year will begin with the first Sunday of Advent.*

PRELUDE

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

David Johnson

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

*Please join in on the liturgy printed in **bold italics**.*

*Originally, Advent was, like Lent, a seven-week celebration that prepared one for Baptism, not particularly for the celebration of Christmas.*

*Today's version of the Lord's Prayer can be found in the Purple Hymnal on page 35 and uses "debts" and "debtors."*

*Lent is designed to be forty days long from Ash Wednesday to Easter, not counting Sundays. It marks the 40 days Jesus faced temptation in the wilderness at the beginning of his ministry. Sundays don't count because every Sunday is a "little Easter."*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (ADVENT)**

Alleluia, the Christ child is on his way,  
***And we await his birth.***

Let us throw off our distractions,  
***And allow the chaos to settle.***

Let us watch for the signs,  
***And listen to the messengers.***

Let us stand on tiptoe,  
***And shout aloud and sing.***

Something new is emerging,  
***Something new is being birthed.***  
***Let us worship God!***

**\*HYMN (CHRISTMAS)**    *In the Bleak Midwinter*    Purple, No. 144

**\*OPENING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (EPIPHANY)**

**ACKNOWLEDGING OUR NEED OF GRACE AND ASSURANCE (LENT)**

***Gracing God, we ask forgiveness for the times when we have chosen badly, opting for the easy way of habit and social convention, rather than the higher and harder ways of Jesus. We confess that sometimes our choices have been made from rank selfishness, with scant concern for those around us, even for those who love us dearly. We confess that we have at times made outwardly good decisions for the wrong reasons, driven by selfish motives. Holy God, Savior and Friend, we thank you that long before we face up to ourselves and frame our confessions, your mercy in Jesus is here waiting for us. We rest our mortal lives in your immortal Life, allowing your grace, mercy and peace to cleanse, refresh and set us once again upon your Way. Amen.***

**\*RESPONSE (LENT)**

Verse 2, Purple, No. 438

*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

**\*SHARING THE PEACE**

The Peace of Christ be with you.

***And also with you.***

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

HYMN OF PREPARATION (HOLY WEEK)                      Purple, No. 177  
*I Will Come to You*  
Refrain, Verses 1 and 2, Refrain

*This Sunday the children from Preschool through Junior High will be in Children's Chapel today instead of their usual Sunday School classes. Pick up for all ages is in the Chapel at 11 a.m.*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***God of steadfast love, by the guidance of your Spirit instruct and teach us in the way we should go; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Friend. Amen.***

ANTHEM                      *A Sound of Angels*                      C. Tye

SERMON READING              Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14                      OT, p. 731  
This is the word of the Lord.                      ***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON                      *The Welfare of the City*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN (EASTER)                      *Christ Is Alive*                      Purple, No. 246

STATEMENT OF FAITH (TRINITY SUNDAY)                      Purple, Page 35  
*Apostle's Creed (Ecumenical)*

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

RESPONSE (PENTECOST)                      Verse 1, Purple No. 408  
*There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

### OUR WORSHIPFUL WORK (ORDINARY TIME)

#### WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory                      *O Morn of Beauty*                      J. Sibelius

\*Response                      *We Lift Our Voices*                      Purple, No. 710

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

***We give you thanks, O God, for the great love that you have lavished upon us in Christ Jesus. Teach us to share this love with others, bringing good news of your holy realm to all the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

*Reign of Christ or Christ the King Sunday was initiated in 1925 by Pope Pius XI as dictators rose in Europe. It is a statement that earthly authority cannot usurp Christ's primacy in the life of a Christian.*

*If you leave during the Postlude, please show respect for those who remain to listen.*

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN (REIGN OF CHRIST)

Purple, No. 35

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Come, God, Creator, Holy Spirit*

J.S. Bach

*The Chancel Flowers today are given to the Glory of God  
in loving memory of Ned's father, Albert Lott, and  
Heidi's parents, Mel and Carole DeStigter*

### TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

*Preaching*—Rev. Michael D. Kirby

*Liturgist*—Rev. Jessica C. Gregory

*A Time with the Children*—Pastor Jessica

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

*Choral Soloists*—Johanna Moffitt, soprano; Jackie King, alto; Steve Uliana, tenor

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

*Acolytes*—Shane Macris & Merritt Wooldridge

### Our Northminster Family at Work

#### PROGRAM AND WORSHIP STAFF

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

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Paul Vander Weele—*Organist*

Kate Lee—*Director of Youth Music*

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