

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 10, 2017

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE WORLD IS ABOUT TO TURN

Peace



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 Prayer as You Prepare for Worship
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
As you breathe in, pray: *Spirit of the Living God.*
As you exhale, pray: *Fall afresh on me.*
Keep repeating this prayer until you feel centered, at peace,
and ready to worship God.

PRELUDE

Picardy

John Joubert

INTROIT

Break Forth, O Beauteous and Heavenly Light

J.S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES
...In today's terms, that scripture could sound like this: The wolf shall live with the lamb,

Israel and Palestine will tear down their wall.

Today's service is designated as a "Service of Word and Sacrament" because we will be celebrating the baptism of Skye Kelly Drummond, daughter of Iain and Dana Drummond, granddaughter of Jim and Elizabeth Drummond and little sister to Ella. Skye was born on October 19, 2017. We joyfully welcome Skye into Christ's church and give God thanks for the miracle of new life!

When you see an asterisk (*) you are invited to stand in body or in Spirit as you feel led and are able. Please join in speaking or singing all parts in **bold italics**.

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

Today in Sunday School the children are learning about Mary's visit to see her cousin, Elizabeth.

At Northminster, Baptisms are now celebrated immediately before the proclamation of the Word to remind us that before any action we might take to seek God's grace and blessing, it has already been given to us.

The leopard shall lie down with the kid,
Minority lives and poor lives will matter to all.
The calf and the lion will feed together,
Democrats and Republicans will work together in harmony,
and a little child shall lead them,
And without fear, the church will lead them.

Today we light the candle of peace as a prayer, a protest... We light the candle of peace to symbolize God's ever-increasing light. (The candle is lighted.)

And as this light burns and grows, we will wait, eagerly, longing for the birth of a child and for the peace only love can bring. May peace light up the world. Amen.

*HYMN

Purple, No. 107

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

*OPENING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*SHARING THE PEACE

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD, CLAIMING THE PROMISE

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

Words of scripture: Galatians 3:27-29

NT, p. 189

Presentation of the candidate for baptism

QUESTIONS TO FAMILY, CONGREGATION & CHILDREN

RENUNCIATIONS OF EVIL

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

I do.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

I will, with God's help.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH –
THE APOSTLES' CREED

Purple, p. 35

The Apostles' Creed is used by almost every creedal Christian community other than the Orthodox Tradition. It is one of only two creeds shared by Presbyterians, Lutherans and Roman Catholics. The other is the Nicene Creed.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

BAPTISM

BLESSING, ANOINTING &
PRESENTATION OF LIGHT

WELCOME OF THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Skye has been received.... Let us welcome the newly baptized.

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Purple, No. 92, Verse 1

While We Are Waiting, Come

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION†

Gracious God, your vision of peace and wholeness comes to us in sweeping revelations and in tiny signs of hope.

Kindle our hearts, that we might be a hopeful people.

Keep us from growing weary of waiting so that we do not miss the glory of your appearing.

Even so, come quickly, O God. Amen.

ANTHEM

There Shall A Star

F. Mendelssohn

SERMON READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

OT, p. 806

SERMON

The Gift of Life

SERMON HYMN

Purple, No. 286

Breathe on Me Breath of God

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OUR WORSHIPFUL WORK TOGETHER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory *E'en So Lord Jesus, Quickly Come* Paul Manz

*Response *Prepare the Way of the Lord* Purple, No. 95, 2x

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

In gratitude and thanksgiving, we bring our offerings and our very lives. Take and transform them so that all that we do, say, and are may further your coming reign of peace, justice, and love. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN Purple, No. 94
Now the Heavens Start to Whisper

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE *Amen*

POSTLUDE *Noël Nouvelet* W.S. Lloyd Webber

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

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

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TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Preaching—Rev. Jessica C. Gregory

Liturgist—Rev. Michael D. Kirby

A Time with the Children—Joan LePontois

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

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

Ushers—Tom Buess & Leslie Noble

Acolytes—Syndey & Chloe Ross

Advent Candle Lighters—Amber Yancey-Carroll, Matthew Carroll, Alec and Colette Carroll

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