

THE WORK OF CHRISTMAS BEGINS

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among the people,
to make music in the heart.

By Howard Thurman

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TODAY IS THE SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS/EPIPHANY

Childcare for infants through 2s is offered in the Nursery at 9:15

One-room Sunday School class (Preschool – 5th): Begin in worship with parents at 9:30

Junior High Sunday School Class (6th-8th): Begin in worship at 9:30 with parents

Worship is at 9:30 in the Sanctuary

Fellowship Time follows the worship service in Logan Hall

Adult Education/Sermon Talk-Back with Pastor Michael meets at 11:10 in the Guild Room

New Book Study with Pastor Jessica Begins January 18th

Beginning January 18th, for four weeks, Rev. Jessica C. Gregory will lead a study on *A House for Hope: The Promise of Progressive Religion for the Twenty-first Century* by John A. Buehrens and Rebecca Ann Parker. Book cost is \$12.50 and can be ordered through the church office (office@northminpres.org/847-869-9210 ext. 221). The deadline for ordering is January 5th. The book study will be on Thursday evenings at the church at 7 p.m. If you have questions, please email Pastor Jessica (jgregory@northminpres.org).

This book affirms that the shared hopes of religious progressives from many traditions can create a movement far stronger than fundamentalism. In order to advance positive social change, progressive people need to claim the transforming power of our theological heritage.

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Important Upcoming Events

January 14th – Installation of New Officers

February 4th – Annual Meeting and pot-luck luncheon

Opportunities to Serve

Volunteer to serve with The Night Ministry January 18th

Help with coffee & treats during Fellowship Time on Sundays

Sign up to be a Greeter for Worship

Volunteer to help with Soup at Six

Celebrate your New Beginnings Use Your Gifts to further NPC ministries

(See "Get Involved" on NPC's website)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

January

- 1 New Year's Day – Office is Closed – Happy New Year
- 2 No church activities ("Blue Over You" rehearsals all week in Logan Hall)
No Northminster Nursery School this week – Winter Break
No Mom's Morning Out this week – Winter Break
- 3 Membership Committee (9 a.m. Library)
Personnel Committee (7:30 p.m. Library)
- 4 Worship Staff Meeting (2 p.m. Library)
Choir Practice (7 p.m. Choir Room)
- 5 "Blue Over You" Performance (8 p.m. Logan Hall)
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- 7 Childcare for infants through 2s (9:15 a.m. Nursery)
Preschool Sunday School (9:25 a.m. Music Room)
K-1st Sunday School (Begin in worship with parents)
2nd – 5th Sunday School (Begin in worship with parents)
Jr. High Sunday School (Begin in worship with parents)
Sunday Worship (9:30 a.m. Sanctuary)
Fellowship Time (After worship in Logan Hall)
"Blue Over You" Performance (3 p.m. Logan Hall)

Help with Hearing

Did you know that some time ago Northminster installed a hearing loop system in the sanctuary? It sends the audio signal directly to any hearing aid with a telecoil – no background noise, no reverberation, just clear sound.

Non-hearing aid users can pick up a loop receiver and listen through a headset.

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!