

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 21, 2018

22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

BUILDING UP THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD

#BathshebaToo

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

Benedictus

Max Reger

A Thought as You Prepare for Worship

"I read her story again, and I celebrate her courage, and the courage of all Bathshebas. In her name, let us declare that our bodies are holy no matter how they are clothed, let us teach our children what consent really is, and let us refuse to stay silent.—Rev. Jennifer Brownell

INTROIT

Melodic Prelude
Youth Bells

Burroughs

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning, before time, before the world began,

God was.

Here and now, among us, beside us, closer than breathing,

God is.

In all that is to come, when we have turned to dust and human knowledge has been completed,

God will be.

Not despairing of earth, but delighting in it,

not condemning the world, but redeeming it

through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit,

God was, God is, God will be.

*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**.*

Our Call to Worship and Grace portions of worship are modified from Rite 3 in the Wee Worship Book, created by the Iona Community in Scotland.

*HYMN

As Morning Dawns

Purple, No. 665

*We typically use
"debts" and "debtors"
when reciting The
Lord's Prayer.*

*OPENING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR NEED OF GRACE

O Hidden Mystery, sun behind all suns, soul within all souls, in everything we touch, in everyone we meet, you are there, and we give you thanks. Where we have not touched but trampled you in creation, where we have not honored but avoided you in one another, where we have not received but rejected your goodness and your calls for justice, forgive us and hear our plea for your pardon. Help us to treasure your costly generosity, delight in and honor your children, and safeguard your creation and those who call it home. To you be all honor and glory, forever and ever. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF RESTORATION

Friends, believe the Good News,

***In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed.
Alleluia, Amen!***

*RESPONSE

Purple, No. 440, verse 4

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

*SHARING THE PEACE

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

*This week in Sunday
School Northminster's
youngest will be
learning about David
and David & Goliath
from the Book of First
Samuel.*

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Purple, No. 458

Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Spirit of God, when disturbing texts confuse us, grant us your gracing wisdom and willing hearts that we might grow in understanding and be led by your loving truth into new territories of faithfulness. In your Name we pray, Amen.

FIRST READING

Psalm 51:1-9

OT, p. 520

ANTHEM

Turn Thy Face from My Sins

T. Attwood

SERMON READING

OT, pp. 284-285

2 Samuel 11:1-5; 26-27; 12:1-9

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Building Up the Household of God:
Accountable **and** Counted*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*SERMON HYMN *Just as I Am* Purple, No. 442

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*We believe in a word that forms on the lips of the creator
and echoes in our deepest longings:*

a word that is LOVE.

We believe in a word that breaks the silence of evil
and disturbs the noise of ignorance:

a word that is JUSTICE.

*We believe in a word that brings life out of death
and laughter with the morning:*

a word that is GRACE.

We believe in a word that tears up the darkness
flooding it with light:

a word that is TRUTH.

*We believe in a word that speaks to all loneliness
with self-giving compassion and care:*

a word that is MERCY.

***We believe in the Word made flesh that speaks to our futures
calling us by name, to trust anew, and claim each of these
words as our birthright and calling—summed up in a word
called HOPE.***

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

RESPONSE *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* Purple, No. 306, verse 5

OUR WORSHIPFUL WORK TOGETHER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory *Wash Me Thoroughly* G.F. Handel
From Chandos Anthem #3

*Response Purple, No. 716, verse 1
God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

*Prayer of Thanksgiving
***Generous God, out of your abundance, we have much.
Take what is offered here and take us. Bless all to your
glory. Amen.***

*Today we are
continuing our sermon
series: Building Up the
Household of God,
companioning our
Stewardship Theme,
“What Does the Lord
Require of You?”*

*Pulpit Side read the
plain italics.*

*Piano Side read the
plain text.*

***All read the bold italic
text.***

*Our affirmation of faith
was substantially
modified from one
originally used by the
Abbotsford Community
in Clydesdale,
Scotland.*

*Sunday, November
11th, will be
Commitment Sunday,
when we will receive
and dedicate pledges
for 2019. Your
stewardship materials
are available for pick-
up today.*

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN *Let Us Build a House* Purple, No. 301

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE *Then I Will Praise You* D. Gambrell

POSTLUDE *Slane* Charles Ore

*The Chancel Flowers today are given to the Glory of God
by Barbara and John Morrison in memory of
Ian Turvill, Isabelle and Annabelle Sweeney, and our parents.*

*If you leave during the
Postlude, please
remember some
remain in a prayerful
state of worship until it
concludes.*

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Preaching—Rev. Michael D. Kirby

Liturgist—Michael Whitney

A Time with the Children—Miss Meredith

Musicians—Dr. Christopher Owen, Paul Vander Weele, Sarah Bartolome

Youth Bell Choir, Northminster Chancel Choir

Soloists: Johanna Moffitt, soprano; Jackie King, alto;

Steve Uliana, tenor; Doug Balkin, bass

Ushers—Tom Buess, Lee Knohl, Molly McDowell, Ethan Sparrow

Acolytes—Avery & Chloe Ross

Our Northminster Family at Work

PROGRAM AND WORSHIP STAFF

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