

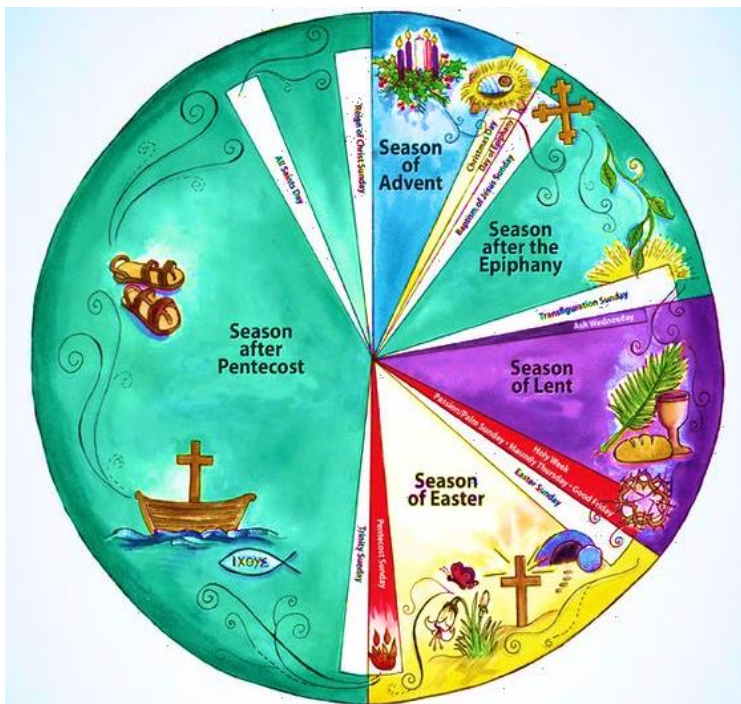
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 25, 2018

REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY

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.

PRELUDE

Josef Lieber, Josef Main

Keith Chapman

A Thought as You Prepare for Worship

What remains to be done must be done by you; since in order not to deprive us of our free will and such share of glory as belongs to us, God will not do everything himself (sic).

—Identity Withheld until the Sermon

INTROIT

Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light

J.S. Bach

*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.

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.

*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."

This week in Sunday School Northminster's junior high youth will lead worship for the Sunday School children in St. Andrew Chapel. The service includes communion offered by Interim Director of Youth Ministries Rev. Autum Lum.

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/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

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

Alleluia

J. Manuel

SERMON READING

Jeremiah 1:4-10; 7:1-11

OT, pp. 898; 707

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Actions Matter

Today's second passage from Jeremiah is from what has come to be called "the Temple Sermon," Jeremiah's statement of concern (and condemnation) of the actions of those entering to worship in the Temple.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN (EASTER)

Christ Is Alive!

Purple, No. 246

STATEMENT OF FAITH (TRINITY SUNDAY)

Apostle's Creed (Ecumenical)

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.***

***I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.***

***On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.***

***I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.***

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

*Response

O How Amiable

We Lift Our Voices

R.V. Williams

Purple, No. 710

Ordinary Time is often called "the Season after Pentecost" to indicate that this is the season of earthly history when we experience the Divine through the actions of the Holy Spirit, which began at Pentecost.

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 remember some remain in a prayerful state of worship until it concludes.

*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.

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

O Filii et Filiae

Rebecca Te Velde

The Chancel Flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Margaret Harris in loving memory of Bob L. Harris.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Preaching—Rev. Michael D. Kirby

Liturgist—Rev. Jessica C. Gregory

A Time with the Children—Joan LePontois

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

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

Steve Uliana, tenor; Doug Balkin, bass

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

Acolytes—Luke Hayes & Henry Rogowski

Our Northminster Family at Work

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