

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 11, 2018

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

BUILDING UP THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD

WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE OF YOU?



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

Ellers

Hebble

A Prayer as You Prepare for Worship
*Let me never rest content in your joys
until I have done all in my power and in your grace
to help others share them also,
O God of all goodness and willer of abundant life. Amen.
—George Appleton, former Anglican Bishop of Jerusalem*

INTROIT

*Harmonious Choirchimes
Youth Bells*

Paul Rosene

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We are here because we have heard Christ's call on our lives.

***We are here to challenge and support one another
to rise up and follow.***

We are here because we want to be God's people.

We want to learn more about what that means.

We come, seeking to be moved, changed, made whole, and made new by the Spirit of the living God.

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An asterisk indicates that you are invited to stand in body or in Spirit as you feel led and are able. Please join in speaking or singing all words printed in **bold italics**.*

***Let us open our hearts to the movement of the Spirit, willing to be agents of God's transforming love and power.
Let us worship God!***

We traditionally use the "debts" and "debtors" form of the Lord's Prayer.

*OPENING HYMN *Come! Live in the Light!* Purple, No. 749

*OPENING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*SHARING THE PEACE

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

This week in Sunday School the children will be learning about Naomi and her daughter-in-law, Ruth.

Today we baptize Erick Schremser. He and his partner, Tiffany Cobleigh-Williams, joined Northminster last month.

The rose in the chancel this morning celebrates the birth of River Riggan, daughter of Cody and Rebecca and granddaughter of Tracy and Nancy Riggan. River was born on October 4, 2018. She and her parents live in Lake Barrington, but her dad, Cody, grew up and was confirmed at Northminster. As we, along with the Riggans, welcome River into our world, we give God thanks.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM *Thankful* Shawna B. Edwards
Sunday School Choir

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

Words of scripture: Ephesians 4:4-6

NT, p. 193

Presentation of the candidate for baptism

QUESTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE FOR BAPTISM

Putting your trust in the grace and love of Jesus Christ, do you desire to be baptized?

I do.

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 do.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

Will you devote yourself to the church's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and prayer?

I will.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed Purple, p. 17

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

BAPTISM, ANOINTING & PRESENTATION OF LIGHT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of the Ages, we seek the wisdom of your Spirit, the same Spirit who spoke through the prophets and inspired the saints of every age. Open us to your Word, your will, and your way, that we might hear, obey and follow. In the name of your Word made flesh, our Savior and friend, Amen.

ANTHEM *Let the Peace of Christ* Molly Ijames

SERMON READING Micah 5:2-4, 6:6-8 OT, pp. 865-866
This is the word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON *Building up the Household of God:
What Is Good*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR PLEDGES FOR 2019

*HYMN *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples* Purple, No. 757

PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR PLEDGES

Generous God, you call us into lives of discipleship and obedience, but not into drudgery or shame.

With joy, we commit to using all our gifts to be a community that lives to proclaim by word and deed what is good: to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with You.

We dedicate our gifts to you, O God.

Help us to use them to glorify you; to be vessels of your work in this world, and bearers of your justice, compassion, and peace.

We dedicate our pledges to you, O God.

Guide our leaders as they prepare us in all ways, including financially, for the upcoming year. Use us, O God, as your loving voice, your healing hands, your gracing community. Amen.

OUR WORSHIPFUL WORK TOGETHER

During the hymn, you are invited to bring your pledge card and/or time and talent pledges forward. Those who have difficulty coming forward are invited to place your pledges in the offering plate when it is passed.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory *Thou Will Keep Him in Perfect Peace* H. Bright

*Response *A Grateful Heart* v. 1, Purple, No. 652

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN *Light Dawns on a Weary World* Purple, No. 79

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE J. Strathdee

What Does the Lord Require of You?

POSTLUDE *Maestoso* Handel

*The Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God on Veterans Day
in thanksgiving for all who have served at home and abroad.*

*If you depart during
the postlude, please
be mindful of those
still in worshipful
contemplation.*

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Preaching—Rev. Michael D. Kirby

Liturgist—Rev. Jessica C. Gregory

A Time with the Children—Greg Boyer

Musicians—Dr. Christopher Owen, Paul Vander Weele, Dr. Sarah Bartolome,
Youth Bell Choir, Sunday School Choir and Chancel Choir

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

Steve Uliana, tenor; Doug Balkin, bass

Ushers—Greg Boyer, Tom Buess, Andy Eloff, Leslie Noble

Acolytes—Daniel & Henry Fennell

Our Northminster Family at Work

PROGRAM AND WORSHIP STAFF

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

Rev. Jessica C. Gregory—*Associate Pastor*

Rev. Ann Ohlrogge Johnson—*Parish Associate*

Dr. Christopher Owen—*Director of Music*

Paul Vander Weele—*Organist*

Dr. Sarah Bartolome—*Director of Youth Music*

Margaret Parcell—*Director of Northminster Nursery School*

Meredith Rogowski—*Director of Children and Family Ministries*

Rev. Autum Lum—*Interim Youth Sunday School Coordinator*

Carey Garrison—*Director of Mom's Morning Out*

Lisa Martinez—*Sunday Nursery Supervisor*

Claudinetta Voltaire—*Mom's Morning Out Coordinator
& Sunday Nursery Assistant*

ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPPORT STAFF

Sharyn Wilson Woods—*Parish Administrator*

Athina Sato—*Financial Secretary*

Alex Villegas—*Sunday Sexton*

Mark Larsen—*Interim Facilities Manager*

CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Greg Boyer—*Clerk of Session*

Gretchen Wooldridge—*Deacon Moderator*

Members of NPC—*Ministers*