

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 20, 2019

THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY



### 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

*Solemn Melody*

Henry Davies

#### A Thought as You Prepare for Worship

*There is so much frustration in the world because we have relied on gods rather than God. We have worshiped the god of pleasure only to discover that thrills play out and sensations are short-lived.*

**—Martin Luther King, Jr.**

#### INTROIT

*You Walk Along Our Shoreline*

J. Steurline

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

In this season of Epiphany, God calls us

***to let go of comfort in our lives, so we may pick up our walking stick and journey into that unknown, yet strangely certain, land called faith.***

*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**.*

On sleepless nights, in fear's shadows, we toss and turn with  
doubt's questions,

***hoping to find Jesus and to listen willingly to his responses.***

In this winter season, we long to follow Jesus,

***wherever he may lead us. Let our following begin here,  
in our worship and praise.***

\*HYMN

*God, You Spin the Whirling Planets*

Purple, No. 23

\*OPENING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR NEED OF GRACE

*J. Birch, alt.*

***You call us and we ignore your whisper,  
listening to the voices of this world.***

***You call us and we choose a different path,  
following our own devices.***

***You call us to be your voice in this world,  
to be your hands in this world,***

***to be your feet in this world,***

***to proclaim your peace, your comfort,  
forgiveness, healing, love, and grace.***

***Forgive us, open our ears, call us again,  
and use us for the good of your world. Amen.***

ASSURANCE OF RESTORATION

God cherishes us just as we are;

***Christ loves us enough not to leave us as we are.***

The Spirit's love renews us and calls us to a new life.

***We are forgiven and we will live with joy! Alleluia!***

\*RESPONSE

*O God, You Are My God*

Purple, No. 743

\*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

Blue, No. 2128

*Come and Find the Quiet Center*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***Light of Lights, in this season when the light grows longer  
each day, through the Word proclaimed today, show us what  
you want us to see, point us where you want us to go, lead us  
and we will follow. Amen.***

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

*This week in  
Sunday School,  
Northminster's  
youngest will learn  
about Jesus' calling  
of his Disciples.*

ANTHEM *On Eagle's Wings* M. Joncas

SERMON READING Matthew 4:1-11 NT, p. 3  
This is the word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON *Why Do You Love Me?*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN *When Peace like a River* Purple, No. 840  
*(It is Well With My Soul)*

\*STATEMENT OF FAITH Belhar Confession, Portion of Sec. 2

### ***We believe:***

***That Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another;***  
***That unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit, it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain;***  
***That this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups are sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly, that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and the world and must be resisted.***

*The Belhar Confession, originally written in Afrikaans, was drafted by the Dutch Reformed Church (a majority non-white denomination in South Africa) in 1986. After a multi-year review and voting process, it was formally added to the Presbyterian Church USA Book of Confessions in the summer of 2016.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

RESPONSE *Create in Me a Clean Heart* Purple, No. 422

OUR WORSHIPFUL WORK

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory African-American Spiritual  
*I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry* Arr. R. Smallwood

\*Response *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful* Purple, No. 654

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Generous God, by the power of your Spirit, take what we offer here; use all to meet needs and to move your world ever closer to one community of your beloved family—your coming commonwealth of compassion, justice and peace. Amen.***

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN *Lift Every Voice and Sing* Purple, No. 339

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE *Born in the Night, Mary's Child* G. Ainger

POSTLUDE *Old Hundredth* W. T. Best

*The Chancel Flowers today, given by Mary Sheppard in loving memory of her parents, James and Martha Sutton.*

### TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

*Preaching*—Rev. Jessica C. Gregory

*Liturgist*—Rev. Michael D. Kirby

*A Time with the Children*—Pastor Michael

*Musicians*—Dr. Christopher Owen, Paul Vander Weele,

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

Doug Balkin, baritone

*Ushers*—Greg Boyer, Lee Knohl, Molly McDowell, Ethan Sparrow

*Acolytes*—Avery Ross & Alice Smith

### Our Northminster Family at Work

#### PROGRAM AND WORSHIP STAFF

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

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