

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 13, 2019 2ND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

As the welcome pads are passed down your aisle, please help us to celebrate your worshipping with us today by signing the register.

A Thought as You Prepare for Worship

"It is not necessary that faith and repentance should always precede baptism. They are only required from those whose age makes them capable of both." — John Calvin

INTROIT

Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice

J. Parry

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Spirit of the Lord is upon us!

God has anointed us to bring good news to the poor,

To proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,

to set the oppressed free.

Let us worship the God of justice and peace!

re-worship

Today's cover art is "The Baptism of Jesus" by self-styled "sacred artist" Daniel Bonnell of Savannah, Georgia. This work, originally in striking blue and orange tones, is remarkable for its visual parallels between Jesus, the Spirit's Dove and the cross.

*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**.*

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' baptism from the Books of Matthew and Mark.

*HYMN *Gather Us In (Here in This Place)* Purple, No. 401

*OPENING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*SHARING THE PEACE

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Because we are celebrating both reaffirmation and ordination/installation of officers, some of the questions and affirmations typically in the installation will be included here and not there.

Please see the insert.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Purple, No. 288

Spirit of the Living God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God, who brings power to the powerless, and is foolishness to the wise, open us to your transforming, prophetic Word. Challenge us anew with fresh vistas of your grace and call upon our lives and being. Amen.

ANTHEM

Come to the Water

Foley

SERMON READING

Matthew 3:1-17

NT, pp. 2-3

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Repentant Disciples

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Service of Ordination and Installation

Sentences of Scripture

Statement of Ordination and Installation

Presentation of the Candidates

Greg Boyer, Clerk of Session

Those new officers who couldn't be with us today will be installed during the annual meeting.

*Apostles' Creed

(Traditional) Purple, p. 35

Constitutional Questions

To the Candidates
To the Congregation

Prayer of Ordination and Laying on of Hands

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your servants whom you called through baptism and marked as your own. Bless them that they may show the compassion of Christ in the actions of daily living and rightly govern and care for your people. Give them the gifts of your Holy Spirit to build up the church, to strengthen the common life of your people, and to lead and serve with compassion and vision. In the walk of faith and for the work of ministry, give to your servants gladness and strength, discipline and hope, humility and courage, humor and an abiding sense of your presence. Amen.

Declaration of Ordination and Installation and Welcome

*HYMN

Down Galilee's Slow Roadways

Purple, No. 164

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

RESPONSE (Refrain only)

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Purple, No. 792

This late 20th Century hymn lifts up both today's preaching text and the vocational character of baptism for the life of discipleship. Both the composer and lyricist are part of the United Church of Canada

OUR WORSHIPFUL WORK TOGETHER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory

Like as the Heart

Palestrina

*Response *Take, O Take Me as I Am*

Purple, No. 698

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

We have received so much from you, Generous God, that we can't imagine what we can offer here could ever compare. Still, in gratitude we offer these gifts and our lives, rejoicing in the knowledge that you can accomplish great and wonderful things even through us. In the name of our Brother, Friend and Savior, Jesus Christ, Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

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

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*RESPONSE *Living Water, Never Ending* W. Cross

POSTLUDE

*The Chancel Flowers today are given to the Glory of God
by Fennell Family in celebration of the eighth birthdays of
Daniel and Henry Fennell.*

*If you leave during the
Postlude, please show
respect for those who
remain in their seats to
listen. Thanks you.*

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Preaching—Rev. Michael D. Kirby

Liturgist—Rev. Jessica C. Gregory

A Time with the Children—Pastor Jessica

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

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

Steve Uliana, tenor; Doug Balkin, bass

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

Acolytes—Alec Carroll & Nathan Gregory

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*

Margaret Parcell—*Director of Northminster Nursery School*

Meredith Rogowski—*Director of Children and Family Ministries*

Dr. Sarah Bartolome—*Director of Youth Music*

Rev. Autum Lum—*Interim Director of Youth Ministry*

Carey Garrison—*Director of My Morning Out*

Lisa Martinez—*Sunday Nursery Supervisor*

Claudinetta Voltaire—*My 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*

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