

And a voice came from heaven:

“You are my Son,  
whom I love;  
with you I  
am well  
pleased.”



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# Northminster Presbyterian Church

*Welcomes You to Worship*

**Baptism of  
the Lord**

**January 10, 2010**

**10:00 A.M.**

The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

**Gathering Music**

**Welcome and Announcements (pass attendance roster)**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Prelude**                      *“How Great Thou Art”*

**Introit**

**\*Call to Worship**

Cindy Ater

One: Sisters and brothers, today we recall:  
Jesus came to the waters of baptism.

**All: In baptism, our Creator claims us  
and frees us from the power of hatred and death.**

One: In baptism we are joined to Christ  
and we are joined together in unity, recalling

**All: “There is no longer Jew or Greek  
there is no longer slave or free  
there is no longer male or female  
for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.”**

One: In baptism, the Spirit of God anoints us for ministry  
and makes us signs of divine love.

It is the mark of acceptance into the church  
and the beginning of our growth  
into full Christian faith and discipleship.

**All: Therefore on this day,  
the whole church, the Body of Christ,  
remembers and celebrates.**

One: Let us worship God!

**\*Hymn No. 398**

*“There’s a Sweet, Sweet, Spirit”*

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession *(based on Isaiah 43:1-2)*

**Gracious God, we confess that too often we live as though we are fearful, not faithful. When we encounter the waters of chaos and confusion, we don't easily pass through them, but we obsess about the height of the water instead of the sight of the other side. You promised to walk through the rivers with us. Help us believe. And help our unbelief. Amen.**

### Assurance of Grace

**One:** Thus says the God who created you and formed us in God's image:  
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name,  
you are mine." This is the good news!

**All: I belong to God.**

### \*Response of Praise

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*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end, Amen, Amen.*

## Joys and Concerns

### Congregational Prayer Response

*O Lord hear our prayer, O Lord hear our prayer,  
when we call answer us.*

*O Lord hear our prayer, O Lord hear our prayer,  
come and listen to us.*

### Choral Anthem "When the Angels' Song Is Silent"

## Children's Time and the Lord's Prayer (debts and debtors)

### First Reading

Luke 3:15-22

**Leader:** Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**People: Thanks be to God**

### Second Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

**Leader:** Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**People: Thanks be to God**

**Communion Meditation**     *“Pointing to Christ”*     Rev. Dwight McCormick II

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

*Offertory*     *“Panis Angelicus”* (O Lord Most Holy)     FRANCK

**\*Response of Praise**

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*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Savior, Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*Prayer of Dedication (unison)**

**Purposeful Lord, we praise your wisdom and your insight in providing us the opportunity to give to your ministries through this local church during 2010. Through His birth and deeds, Jesus set us free from earthly limitations. Today, we joyously acknowledge that our spiritual blessings are evidence of your love. Amen. (Ephesians 1:3-14)**

**\*Hymn No. 161**     *“Awesome God”*     Red Songbook

**Celebration of Communion**     See Insert

**\*Hymn No. 47**     *“Jesus, Name Above All Names”*     Red Songbook

**\*Benediction  
and Response**

**\*Postlude**

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\*Those who are able are invited to stand.

**We invite you to stay for fellowship in the  
family room following worship.**