



First
Sunday
in Lent

Northminster Presbyterian Church

Welcomes You to Worship

**1st Sunday
in Lent**

February 21, 2010

10:00 A.M.

The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements (pass attendance roster)

Pastoral Prayer

Prelude

“Lead Me to Calvary”

Introit

***Call to Worship**

Lois Shroyer

Leader: Jesus began his ministry to the world,
led by the Spirit into the wilderness.

**People: As we begin our Lenten journey, let us be led by the Spirit,
even into the uncomfortable places.**

Leader: In those forty days, and in that place,
Jesus was faced with hunger, doubt and temptation.

**People: As we seek to follow Jesus, we would be led,
even into the uncomfortable choices.**

Leader: Jesus left the wilderness, faithful and obedient to God,
rejoicing in the One in whom he trusted.

**People: As we continue on our path to faithfulness,
we will be led by our Christ, rejoicing in the Lord our God.**

***Unison Prayer of the Day**

**Holy God, Refuge of desert wanderers: as the seeds of grace you have
planted within us bear an abundant harvest, we would offer the first fruits
in thanksgiving to you and in service to others.**

**Jesus Christ, Companion of Lenten pilgrims: you understood that God
alone feeds us, and so became the broken Bread; you knew that the power to
transform our lives comes from God alone, and so became our Servant; you did
not ignore the warning not to test God, and so became our Hope.**

**Holy Spirit, Leader of Christ's apprentices: you fill the hungry with the
Bread of life; you fill the arrogant with the Servant's humility; you fill the
hopeless with that trust which endures. Fill us now and always with your
Grace. Amen.**

***Hymn No. 371** *“Lift High the Cross”*

Call to Reconciliation

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of our ancestors and God of our children, we come knowing we have preferred to test you, rather than to trust you. The famine in our souls makes us long to be filled with the empty promises of the world. We listen to the soothing words of the advertisers, rather than to the uncomfortable words of discipleship.

Forgive us, God of our lives. Bring us out of that dependence on ourselves, and bring us into the presence of the One we seek to follow, not only to Jerusalem, but beyond - into life with you forever, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God has listened to our prayers and to our silence. God reaches out, with signs and wonders, with grace and forgiveness, and makes us whole.

People: **On our lips and in our hearts, we give thanks to the One who loves us and heals us. Amen.**

***Response of Praise**

GLORIA PATRI

*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.*

Anthem

Children’s Time and the Lord’s Prayer (debts and debtors)

First Reading

Luke 4:1-13

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: Thanks be to God

Second Reading

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon

“Refuge and Strength”

Rev. Dwight McCormick II

***Hymn No. 310 (Red Songbook)** *“O Lord, You’re Beautiful”*

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

***Response of Praise**

DOXOLOGY

*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)**

Generous and loving God, we come today and each day bringing our gifts to worship you. Accept these our offerings as part of our entire selves. We pray they will be committed to serving in the name of Jesus Christ in whose name we pray. Amen.

***Hymn No. 199 (Red Songbook)** *“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”*

***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.**