



Second
Sunday in Lent

Northminster Presbyterian Church

Welcomes You to Worship

**2nd Sunday
in Lent**

February 28, 2010

10:00 A.M.

The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements (pass attendance roster)

Pastoral Prayer

Prelude *“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”*

Introit

***Call to Worship**

Lois Shroyer

Leader: How am I to know that God loves me as God loved Abraham and Sarah?

People: At the center of the covenant is God's promise and honor.

Leader: How are you to know that if you cry out God will listen to you?

People: At the center of our relationship with God is love.

Leader: How are we to trust what people like Paul and Jesus tell us is true?

People: At the center of Scripture is the God of mercy and grace.

***Hymn No. 244 (Red Songbook)** *“There Is a Redeemer”*

Call to Reconciliation

Unison Prayer of Confession

Refuge of our hearts, we must speak of how we have not made you the center of our lives. We look for shelter in the false security of the world, not in your promises. Our fears are driven by our emotions and decisions, not by our trust in you. We look to the powerful, the beautiful, the athletic, to be our role models, instead of the One who comes in your name.

Have mercy on us, our Light and our Hope, and touch us with your forgiving grace. Fill our hearts with your presence, so we might recognize the One who has come to gather us up and lead us into your Kingdom, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God does not give us up to the temptations and ways of the world,
but shelters us with love, with hope, with grace.

**People: We are forgiven people. Our songs of joy are lifted to the One
who forgives us and saves us. Thanks be to God. 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.*

Bell Choir Anthem

“Will the Circle Be Unbroken?”

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

First Reading

Psalm 27

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: Thanks be to God

Second Reading

Luke 13:31-35

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon

“How Can We Resist?”

Rev. Dwight McCormick II

***The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical)**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Hymn No. 101** *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *"God So Loved the World"*

***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 God, help us to give as freely of our finances, our time, and our talent as you give of your love for us and all of humanity. Please accept these offerings as part of our praise for you and the abundant wealth you provide us in our relationships. Help us continually seek ways to glorify you with all that we have been given. Amen.

***Hymn No. 341** *"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"*

***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.**