



**NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Sunday, January 13, 2013

# Northminster Presbyterian Church

*Welcomes You to Worship*

**Baptism of  
the Lord**

**January 13, 2013**

**10:00 A.M.**

The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Introit**

**\*Call to Worship**

Terry Rigio

Leader: God's voice speaks to our chaos, echoing in our empty hearts.

**People: gathering us together to remember our baptism  
and to feast at the Table.**

Leader: God's voice flows like the living waters of grace,

**People: our new name, 'Beloved,' resounding in our souls.**

Leader: God's voice stirs the waters of baptismal hope,

**People: calling us to be bearers of peace to a world of broken  
hopes.**

**\*Hymn of the Month No. 13**

“He Has Made Me Glad”

Green Hymnal

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**God of Spirit and fire: baptized, we have not done a good job as your people. We are drawn to the shadows of sin, hoping you will not see our foolishness. We fall into the arms of temptation, letting it spin us until we are out of control. We selfishly cling to your hope and grace, convinced that others will misuse these gifts.**

**Forgive us, Bearer of Grace. Touch us with your Spirit, so we may be restored to new life; touch us with your grace, so we may offer forgiveness to all people; touch us with your peace, so we might be healers to our world. This we pray in the name of the One who went into the waters of baptism to cleanse us of sin, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

*Silence is kept for individual confession of sin*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: We expect the fire of judgment,

**People: but are given the Spirit of grace;**

Leader: we expect God to yell at us,

**People: but we are called by a new name;**

Leader: we expect God to stay angry,

**People: but we are handed the dove of peace.**

Leader: This is the good news for us!

**People: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### **Congregational Response**

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.*

### **Joys and Concerns**

#### **Congregational Prayer Response**

*O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;  
when I call answer me.*

*O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;  
come and listen to me.*

*The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise.*

*All my hope comes from God.*

*The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise.*

*God, the well-spring of life.*

### **Choral Anthem**

“Stand by Me”

### **Children’s Time**

#### **First Reading**

Isaiah 43:1-7

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**People: Thanks be to God**

#### **Second Reading**

Luke 3:15-22

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**People: Thanks be to God**

**Sermon**

***The Beloved***

Rev. Dwight McCormick II

**\*Hymn No. 485**

“To God Be the Glory”

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

*Offertory*

**\*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)**

**Knower of our hearts and minds, please accept these gifts and use them for ministry in your world. We offer them freely for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ. We ask for wisdom in how we may use them for the mission of your Kingdom in this community and in the world. Amen.**

**\*Hymn No. 420**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

**\*Benediction**

**\*Response**

**\*Postlude**

\*Those who are able are invited to stand.

**You are invited to stay for fellowship  
in the Family Room following worship.**