




The Spirit of the Lord
is on me

to preach good news to the poor



to proclaim freedom
for the prisoners



to proclaim the year of the
Lord's favor.

Luke
4:18

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, January 27, 2013

Northminster Presbyterian Church

Welcomes You to Worship

3rd Sunday

January 27, 2013

10:00 A.M.

after Epiphany The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Invocation

Introit

***Call to Worship**

Terry Rigio

Leader: On this day, which is holy, we gather,
not alone, but as Christ's Body;

People: as ones who would suffer together, we gather.

Leader: On this day of wonder and hope, we gather,
not in isolation, but in community;

People: as those who would care for one another, we gather.

Leader: On this day of prayer and praise, of silence and song, we gather,
not with empty hands, or emptier hearts;

People: as those baptized in grace's tears, we gather.

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

“He Has Made Me Glad”

Green Hymnal

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Rock of our salvation, we know the faults we try to hide from you and those around us. We have not cared for people in the same way. We do think some are more gifted, or better, or lovelier. We would much rather celebrate with someone, than to bear the suffering of another. We are really not that sure that prisoners should be set free, or the poor given hope, or the outcast a seat at the table.

Redeemer of all people, including us, grant us your mercy. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit, so that our eyes might be opened to see how others truly live. Enlarge our hearts with the gentleness of your touch, so we might embrace the opportunities we will have to serve. Open our ears so we can listen to what Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, teaches us about your love and grace for our lives.

Silence is kept for individual confession of sin

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God's Spirit is upon us: that Spirit of forgiveness,
that Spirit of grace, that Spirit of unity with all people.

**People: Today, and in all the days to come, God's Spirit
is with us. Thanks be to the One who is our joy,
our strength, our hope. Praise God! We are forgiven!
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

Children's Time

First Reading

Nehemiah 8:1-10

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: Thanks be to God

Second Reading

Luke 4:14-21

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Rev. Dwight McCormick II

***Hymn No. 288** “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

***Response of Praise**

OLD HUNDREDTH

*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)**

O God, we commit to use all our gifts--wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, working of miracles, prophecy, discernment, tongues, administration, hospitality, and finances--in the service of acting as co-workers with you and each other for peace and justice to flow like a mighty stream. Amen.

***Hymn No. 391** “Take My Life”

***Benediction
and Response**

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

**The Congregational Meeting
will begin
at the close of worship.**