



*Second*  
Sunday in Lent

**NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Sunday, February 24, 2013

# Northminster Presbyterian Church

*Welcomes You to Worship*

**2nd Sunday  
in Lent**

**February 24, 2013**

**10:00 A.M.**

The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Introit**

**\*Call to Worship**

Bob Triebelhorn

Leader: How are we to know we are loved by God,  
as deeply as Sarah and Abraham were?

**People: At the center of the covenant is God's promise,  
as well as God's honor.**

Leader: How are we to know that when we cry out to God,  
that we will be heard?

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

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

**People: At the center of Scripture we find God,  
full of grace and wonder.**

**\*Hymn of the Month No. 11**

“Be Still, for the Presence”

Green Hymnal

**Call to Reconciliation**

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

Refuge of our hearts, we must admit that all too often you are not the center of our lives. We find shelter in all the false securities the world offers, rather than grounding ourselves in your promises. Our emotions drive our fears, and so we end up making foolish choices, rather than being guided by your word and heart. We turn to the politicians, the celebrities, the commentators to give us guidelines for living, rather than following the One who comes in your name.

We ask one thing of you, our God, that you not hide your face from us, but turn to us with forgiveness and hope. Be gracious to us, so we might share such grace with those around us. Fill our emptiness with your love, so we might become more loving. Open our hearts, as well as our eyes, to see the One who comes to gather us up and lead us into your kingdom, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

*Silence is kept for individual confession of sin*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: The good news is that at the very moment we discover that the temptations of the world provide no true home for us, we find God sheltering us with love, with grace, with joy.

**People: Gathered up in God's grace, we become forgiven and whole. We can lift glad songs of joy to the One who makes us new. 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**

“Beautiful Savior”

Solo: Rob Adams

### **Children's Time**

#### **First Reading**

Genesis 15:1-18

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**

Rev. Dwight McCormick II

**\*Hymn No. 81**      “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”      Blue Hymnal

**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. 316**      “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”      Blue Hymnal

**\*Benediction  
and Response**

**\*Postlude**

\*Those who are able are invited to stand.

**Please stay for fellowship in the  
Family Room following worship.**