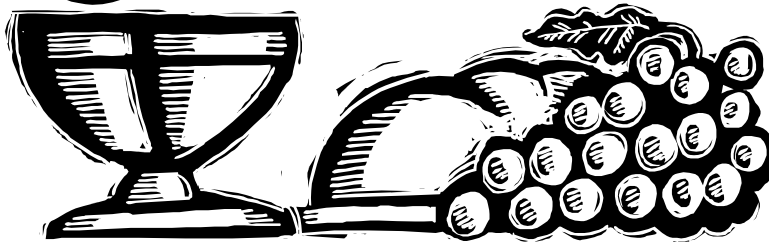


Third



SUNDAY

IN LENT

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, March 3, 2013

Northminster Presbyterian Church

Welcomes You to Worship

**3rd Sunday
in Lent**

March 3, 2013

10:00 A.M.

The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Invocation

Introit

***Call to Worship**

Don Hughes

Leader: When our pockets are empty,
God allows us to purchase what we need,
charging it to grace's account.

People: God thinks differently than we do.

Leader: When our souls are parched,
God hands us a glass of living water.

People: God's ways are different from ours.

Leader: When we grow weary of searching,
God takes our hand and leads us home.

People: God's love is different from ours.

***Hymn of the Month No. 25** "Psalm 95: Come, Worship God" Green Hymnal

Call to Reconciliation

Unison Prayer of Confession

We continue to be tempted, Faithful God. We are blessed with gifts to use for others, but we want to keep them for ourselves. We easily notice the mistakes of those around us, but do not want to look in the mirror at our lives. We turn our desires into idols, so we do not have to recognize how they can damage us.

Forgive us, Steadfast God. Fill the poverty of our spirits with the richness of your grace; feed our selfish hunger with the bread of compassion for the world; pour the living waters of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, into our hearts until they overflow with love.

Silence is kept for individual confession of sin

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God is faithful. God's love is an eternal bargain that will not be broken. God's grace is the gift that will not be taken back.

**People: Such abundant mercy, such extravagant grace!
Thanks be to 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.

Bell Choir Anthem “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Children’s Time

First Reading

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: Thanks be to God

Isaiah 55:1-13

Second Reading

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: Thanks be to God

Luke 13:1-9

Sermon

Rev. Dwight McCormick II

***Hymn No. 85**

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

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. 371**

“Lift High the Cross”

Blue Hymnal

***Benediction
and Response**

***Postlude**

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

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