

“If you then, though you are evil,  
know how to give good gifts to  
your children, how much more will  
your Father in heaven give the  
Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

Luke 11:13



**NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Sunday, April 28, 2013

# Northminster Presbyterian Church

*Welcomes You to Worship*

**5th Sunday  
of Easter**

**April 28, 2013**

**10:00 A.M.**

The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Introit**

**\*Call to Worship**

Susan Dersch

Leader: Praise the Lord!

**People: Praise the Lord from the heavens. □  
Praise God from the heights! □**

Leader: Praise the Lord, you angels. Sing praise, you heavenly host! □

**People: Praise the Lord, O sun and moon. □  
Join in song, O shining stars! □**

Leader: Praise the Lord, snow and rain. Blow loud, wind and storm! □

**People: Praise the Lord, O trees. Dance with joy, O birds! □**

Leader: Praise the Lord, women and men. Rejoice, children and rulers! □

**People: Praise the Lord, weak and strong. □  
Sing for joy, timid and bold! □**

Leader: Praise the Lord, mothers and aunts. □

Give praise, grandfathers and cousins! □

**People: Let all creation praise God's name! Praise the Lord!**

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

“Be Still, for the Presence”

Green Hymnal

**Call to Reconciliation**

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

**God of all people, our hearts are too narrow, our perspectives are too small. We reject those who are not like us—those with different political opinions, those who struggle with mental illness, those who disagree with us. We forget that all are your beloved children, and neglect your call to love one another. Forgive us, O God, for the many ways we have failed to be a people known by our love. Show us how to be more caring. Teach us how to love one another, and make us faithful disciples.**

*Time of Silence for Personal Confession*

**Amen.**

**Words of Assurance**

**Passing the Peace of Christ**

**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.*

**Anthem**

**Children's Time**

**First Reading**

Psalm 148

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**People: Thanks be to God**

**Second Reading**

Acts 11:1-18

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**People: Thanks be to God**

**Sermon**

Rev. Dwight McCormick II

**\*Hymn No. 319**

“Spirit”

Blue Hymnal

**Reception of New Member**

Judith Heaton

**Video Minute for Mission**    *Pentecost Offering*

**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**

**Gracious and loving God, all of your works, all that you have done for us, testify to your love. You gave everything to bring us the promise of eternal life. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may all that we do and all that we are, testify to your amazing care and compassion. In gratitude and love, we offer ourselves to you. Amen.**

**\*Hymn No. 369**

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

Blue Hymnal

**\*Benediction**

**and Response**

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

\*Those who are able are invited to stand.

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

Thank you to Rev. Thom Shuman for his ongoing creativity  
in providing us with liturgy for our worship services.  
His take on the weekly lectionary lessons adds to our worship.