

*Baptized
in the name
of the Lord*



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, August 18, 2013

Northminster Presbyterian Church

Welcomes You to Worship

**Ordinary
Time**

August 18, 2013

10:00 A.M.

The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Invocation

***Call to Worship**

Diana Schneider

Leader: We come to this place where God pours out love on us,

People: we join our voices in praise, as our fears are left behind.

Leader: We gather with these people, those who seek to follow Jesus,

People: so we might walk the paths of service hand in hand.

Leader: We open our hearts to the gifts of the Spirit,

People: so that grace and peace might be the fruit we bear.

***Hymn of the Month No. 212**

“Spirit Song”

Green Songbook

Call to Reconciliation

Unison Prayer of Confession

We carry our fears around with us like so much pocket lint, Compassionate Heart, when you would take them and toss them aside, spent and useless. You invite us to sit and chat with someone who wants to know more about you, but we are busy running errands. You give us a simple command - to love, and we complicate it with rules, worries, and doubts.

Forgive us, Vine Grower. You have planted those seeds of mercy, of hope, of grace deep within us, so we might bear rich and nourishing fruit for others. May we not get in the way of your Gardener, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, who will use the Holy Spirit to bring forth an abundant crop.

(Please remain in prayer silently confessing your personal sin.)

Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: God abides in you! God is breathing, living, forgiving,
restoring you in this moment, and in the days to come.
This is the good news for us!

**People: As God is in us, so we can live, work, care for others,
so that love, hope and joy might touch all people.
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.*

Minute for Mission CAFÉ (Coffee and Fellowship Express) Tom Stout

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.*

Special Music Tom and Sharon Stout

Children's Time

First Reading Psalm 22:1-31

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
People: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading Acts 8:29-40

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dwight McCormick II

***Hymn No. 492**

“Baptized in Water”

Blue Hymnal

The Sacrament of Baptism

Presentation

Profession of Faith—The Apostles’ Creed (Traditional) Page 14 in the Blue Hymnal

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Baptism

Laying On of Hands

Welcome

The Peace

Invitation to the 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**

O Lord, we rejoice with thankful hearts, that you have given us this beautiful world in which to work and play—a world full of your wisdom and majesty; we offer praise with deepest gratitude, that you have blessed us with your bounty.

Please accept a portion of the blessing you have given to us. Use these offerings and tokens of our devotion: to increase wisdom in the world, to protect the created order, to bless the vulnerable, to heal the sick, and to comfort the afflicted. Amen.

***Hymn No. 430**

“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”

Blue Hymnal

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

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*Those who are able are invited to stand.

Please stay for fellowship in the Family Room following worship.

Thank you to Rev. Tom 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.