



"I tell you,
there is
rejoicing in
the presence
of the angels of
God over one
sinner who
repents."

Luke 15:10

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sunday, September 15, 2013

Northminster Presbyterian Church

Welcomes You to Worship

**Ordinary
Time**

September 15, 2013

10:00 A.M.

The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Prayer of Invocation and The Lord's Prayer (debts and debtors)

Introit "We Have Come to Worship the Lord"

***Call to Worship**

Terry Rigio

Leader: The foolish say, 'there is no God.'

**People: We come, trusting Jesus, the face, the voice, the presence
of the God who loves us.**

Leader: The scoffers of our age ask, 'why do you seek after God?'

**People: We come, in this time, because God's grace has spilled over
in our lives.**

Leader: The hopeless around us think, 'no one cares about me.'

**People: We come, in this time, to this place, because Jesus has
found us and brought us home.**

***Hymn of the Month No. 184**

Green Hymnal

"Psalm 84: How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely"

Call to Reconciliation

Unison Prayer of Confession

Although we believe we are experts at faithfulness, Holy God, we must confess we are unskilled workers at doing good. Too often, we turn a deaf ear to the cries of people we have judged to be fools. We easily scoff at those we believe have nothing to teach us or share with us.

How foolish, Searching God, how foolish we are! Forgive us, and restore us to your goodness. Then, send us forth to search for all who sit in the shadowed corners of our world, yearning for someone to come and find them, even as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, came to find us.

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

Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Our actions sometimes show we do not know God. Our words and lives show we do not understand God's hopes for us. But with utmost patience, God sets aside our foolishness, and fills us with mercy.

People: **Mingled with faith and love, grace is poured into our sin-parched souls, giving us new life, restoring us as God's children. 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

Presbyterian Youth Triennium 2013 and Kirkmont Presentation

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

"Ninety-Nine Sheep"

Children's Time

First Reading

Exodus 32:7-14

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Luke 15:1-10

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "God's Relentless Love" Rev. Dwight McCormick II

***Hymn No. 387** "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" Blue Hymnal

Invitation to the Offering

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.*

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

Lord, how can we remember all of your creation in this offering? You have given us time and the seasons. You have given us families and friends. You have given us our family of the Church. Please accept our offering of love.

Creator God, we ask that you accept our gifts and our lives to serve you and the Kingdom on God. Amen.

***Hymn No. 376** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" Blue Hymnal

***Benediction
and Response** "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

***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.