



*Let us come
before him with
thanksgiving.*

Psalm 95:2, NIV

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sunday, September 29, 2013

Northminster Presbyterian Church

Welcomes You to Worship

**Ordinary
Time**

September 29, 2013

10:00 A.M.

The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

ST. FRANCIS/SEWELL

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

Choral Introit

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL
EDWARDS

***Call to Worship**

Terry Rigio

Leader: The word has come for us from God:

People: who promises to shelter us under the wings of hope and grace.

Leader: The word has come to us from Jesus:

People: who encourages us to remember the good news we have received.

Leader: The word flows to us from the Spirit:

People: who reminds us to place our hope and trust in God.

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

Green Hymnal

“Psalm 84: How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely”

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

We need to confess, God of Abraham and Lazarus, how often we are not content with the simple gifts and lives you offer. Tempted by everything, we can become insensitive to those who have nothing. Encouraged by the world to accumulate more, we may miss the chance to gather your goodness and godliness. Chasing after all which has no value, we may not have the energy to pursue the faith, the love, the gentleness you have for us.

Forgive us, God of Reversals. You have sent the One who speaks the words we need to listen to in order to have life. Help us to remember how you have redeemed us, and in remembering, may we make that good confession that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior, now and forever.

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

Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: This is the good news that comes from God: I will hear your prayers, I will answer with hope and peace, I will deliver you from your sins.

People: God has covered us with grace; under God's hope we will find shelter. 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

*“On Eagle’s Wings”
(No. 185—Green Hymnal)*

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Children’s Time

First Reading

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Luke 16:19-31

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Standing in the Gap”

Rev. Dwight McCormick II

***Hymn No. 438** “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” Blue Hymnal

Invitation to the Offering

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

HAWKES/LOWRY/WOOD

***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, we got up this morning, ate our breakfast got dressed, and came to church—all to give you praise and thanksgiving. May these gifts be a blessing for those who had no bed this morning from which to raise; for those who had no breakfast and are hungry this day; for those who have no new clothes; for those who long to worship you but cannot. Take these gifts and use them as you will, O God. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

***Hymn No. 200** “When the Storms of Life Are Raging” Green Hymnal

***Choral Blessing** “Go Now in Peace” BESIG/PRICE

***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.