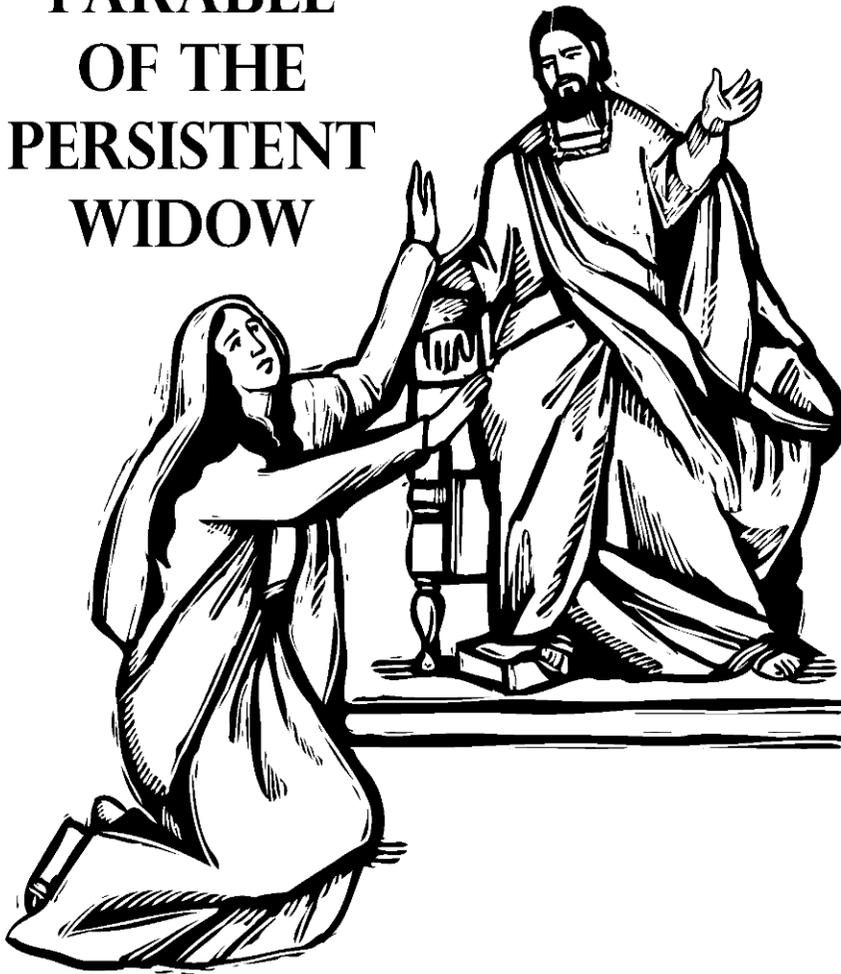


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**NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Sunday, October 20, 2013

# Northminster Presbyterian Church

*Welcomes You to Worship*

**Ordinary  
Time**

**October 20, 2013**

**10:00 A.M.**

The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

## **Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude**

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

MARTIN

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

**Choral Introit**

“We Give You Praise”

BEEBE

## **\*Call to Worship**

Terry Rigio

Leader: We have gathered in God’s holy presence, the One who etches grace on our hearts.

**People: This is the place where God will transform us into disciples.**

Leader: We glorify our God, who yearns for justice, not just for a favored few, but for the least of our world.

**People: This is the place where God will write compassion on our souls.**

Leader: We give thanks to God for unceasing grace; we remember God’s persistence in saving us.

**People: This is the place where God will breathe the Word into our lives.**

**\*Hymn of the Month No. 185**

“On Eagle’s Wings”

Green Hymnal

## **Call to Confession**

### **Unison Prayer of Confession**

Your words are given to us, Author of Life, so we might be reformed, but we are intent on changing others. Your words are offered to us so we might be transformed, but we are focused on conforming to our culture. Your words are spoken to lead us into new life, but we hold our old ways tight to our chests.

Forgive us, God of Wonder. Do not remember our sins, but continue to touch us with your steadfast mercy. Show us how to be persistent in living out our faith, even as you were so tenacious in offering us your grace and life in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

*Silence is kept for individual confession of sin.*

**Amen.**

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: Jesus reminds us that we are to be resolute in our lives of faithfulness and service. The good news is that God is steadfast in filling us with love and grace.

**People: We are forgiven people. May we live as sisters and brothers in Christ, God's children in word and deed, in hope and joy. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### **\*Response of Praise**

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;*

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,*

*World without end. Amen, Amen.*

### **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**

“Autumn Carol”

SCHULZ-WIDMAR

#### **Children's Time**

#### **First Reading**

Jeremiah 31:27-34

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### **Second Reading**

Luke 18:1-8

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### **Sermon**

“Persistent Prayer”

Rev. Dwight McCormick II

**\*Hymn No. 403** “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” (verses 1-3) Blue Hymnal

**Minute for Mission** Kevin Creager

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

*Offertory*

“A Prayer”

POWELL

**\*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. 369** “I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” Blue Hymnal

**\*Blessing** “The Lord Bless You and Keep You” BOERTJE

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

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\*Those who are able are invited to stand.

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