



All Saints' Day

**NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Sunday, November 3, 2013

# Northminster Presbyterian Church

*Welcomes You to Worship*

**Ordinary  
Time**

**November 3, 2013**

**10:00 A.M.**

The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Prelude**

“Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness”

BRAHMS

### **Unison Opening Prayer**

Dear Jesus, help me to spread Thy fragrance everywhere I go. Flood my soul with Thy spirit and love. Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly that all my life may only be a radiance of Thine. Shine through me and be so in me that every soul I come in contact with may feel Thy presence in my soul. Let them look up and see no longer me but only Jesus. Stay with me and then I shall begin to shine as you shine, so to shine as to be a light to others. Amen.

*-A Prayer of Mother Teresa*

### **Introit**

“Open Our Eyes, Lord”

CULL/ALLEN

### **\*Call to Worship**

Leader: You are the holy Lord God who does wonderful things. You are strong.  
You are great. You are the most high.

**People: You are the almighty king, You holy Father, King of heaven  
and earth. You are three in one, the Lord God of gods.**

Leader: You are the good, all good, the highest good, Lord God living and true.  
You are love, charity;

**People: You are wisdom, You are humility, You are patience. You  
are beauty, You are meekness.**

Leader: You are security, You are rest, You are gladness and joy, You are our  
hope, You are justice, You are moderation, You are all our riches to  
sufficiency.

**People: You are beauty, You are meekness, You are the protector,  
You are our custodian and defender,**

Leader: You are strength, You are refreshment, You are our hope, You are our  
faith, You are our charity.

**People: You are all our sweetness, You are our eternal life: Great  
and wonderful Lord, Almighty God, Merciful Savior.**

*-St. Francis of Assisi*

## **Call to Confession**

### **Unison Prayer of Confession**

God of the heavenly hosts, we confess that unlike your choicest saints we are just average disciples, seldom very evil and rarely very loving.

We make our way through the streets and malls of life, and at times along lonely byways, trying to give our best, yet rarely achieving half of the good which we intended. Too often we try to skirt around the obstacles of evil rather than challenging their existence, we are polite when we should be angry, and apologetic when we should be definite.

We read of your saints, and we feel uplifted and for a few hours, inspired to reach higher, but too soon the indifference of the society in which we live dampens our spirits and dissipates our energy.

We remember loved ones whose faithfulness once lit our path and whose steadfast love warmed our hearts, yet we admit that our own light flickers and our love becomes lukewarm.

We are not saying we are useless, God. You never call us that, and even in our worst times, your grace has not been entirely wasted. But we repent all that has compromised and sullied us and hurt those around us. We repent and pray for the forgiveness which only you can decree, and the renewal which only your Spirit can enact. We pray in the name of Christ Jesus, the Savior of all on earth, and of all the redeemed in heaven. Amen!

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: In the company of all the souls who ever believed, and with all the saints who ever achieved, you, my dear sisters and brothers of Jesus, have a secure home-coming through our wonderful God.  
The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

### **\*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

“Seek Ye First”

LAFFERTY/WAGNER

### Children’s Time

#### First Reading

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### Second Reading

Luke 19:1-10

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

Rev. Dwight McCormick II

#### \*Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed (Ecumenical)

Page 15 Blue Hymnal

### Liturgy of Remembrance (see insert)

#### \*Hymn No. 526

“For All the Saints”

Blue Hymnal

### Minute for Mission

Terry Rigio

### Invitation to the Offering

### Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Offertory*

“In God I Put My Trust”

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**

God of abundance, help our eyes to see and ears to hear the needs in the community and the world. Grant us wisdom that we may use these gifts to fill the needs of those whom we may call unworthy but who you call your beloved children. We ask that you receive these tithes and offerings as one way we can glorify you and proclaim the Kingdom of God is at hand. Help us serve you not only with our finances but also with all that we are and all that you have entrusted to our care. Thank you for your care and your provision for us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

**\*Hymn No. 391**

“Take My Life” (verses 1-4)

Blue Hymnal

**\*Blessing**

“May the Peace of the Lord Go with You” BEALL/YANNERELLA

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

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\*Those who are able are invited to stand.

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

