



“I will praise the name
of God with a song;
I will magnify him
with thanksgiving.”

Psalm 69:30, NRSV

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sunday, November 17, 2013

Northminster Presbyterian Church

Welcomes You to Worship

**Ordinary
Time**

November 17, 2013

10:00 A.M.

The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“Andante from Sonata for Flute in D Major”

QUANTZ

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

Introit

“Bless Thou the Gifts”

LONGFELLOW/SCHUMANN

***Call to Worship**

Leader: This Day! This day we will give thanks to God, who cradles us in the waters of baptism.

People: This day! This day we will trust in the One who has saved us, who strengthens us.

Leader: This day! This day we dance to the fountain of life, drinking deeply of salvation’s goodness.

People: This day! This day we praise our God for every blessing; telling everyone of God’s amazing grace in our lives and in our world.

Leader: This day! This day we sing God’s praises; testifying to all creation of our God.

People: This day! This day our songs are filled with joy, for God is with us, this day and in all the days to come!

***Hymn of the Month No. 11**

“Be Still, for the Presence”

Green Hymnal

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

We confess that our lives weaken us, Strengthening God. We do not exercise our faith as we should, and so fatigue easily. We see houses as investment property, not as homes built on love, hope and dreams. We whimper our petty complaints about our friends and families, rather than shouting our hosannas to heaven for the gift of their lives.

You are our hope, Tender God, so forgive us. Create in us new hearts, and fill us with new energy to serve our sisters and brothers, bringing them to the deep wells of salvation, where they can fill their parched souls, even as we have been led to them by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Silence is kept for individual confession of sin.

Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: Rather than remaining white-hot, God's anger melts into streams of living water, washing us clean of our sins and refreshing our spirits with hope and joy.

People: This day! This day we give thanks to the God who is our strength and our salvation. Praise 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.

Anthem

"I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light"

THOMERSON

Children's Time

First Reading

Isaiah 65:17-25

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Luke 21:5-19

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Opportunity to Testify”

Rev. Dwight McCormick II

***Hymn No. 341**

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!”

Blue Hymnal

Invitation to the Offering

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Metamorphosis”

ROESCH

***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**

O God, we long to make a difference in our world. We offer you what we have: Our visions and dreams; our witness to your saving acts of love and justice; our resources to help bring the new heaven and new earth into our midst. We offer you our very lives, that we may be co-workers with you to bring about true change. Amen.

***Hymn No. 369**

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

Blue Hymnal

***Blessing by Music**

“Autumn Carol”

SCHULZ-WIDMAR

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

Please stay for fellowship in the Family Room following worship.

Liturgy by: Thom Shuman