

# Northminster Presbyterian Church

*Welcomes You to Worship*

**Second Sunday  
in Advent**

**December 8, 2013**

**10:00 A.M.**

The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

## **Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude**

Episode on “Veni, Emmanuel”

SMITH

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

**Introit**

“People Look East”

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**\*Call to Worship**

Charles Vanarsdall

Leader: We gather as people who know what love is.

**People: And as those who sometimes struggle with the call to love.**

Leader: We come from every situation and occupation, the people God created to love.

**People: We come as God’s people, to love God and love others.**

**ALL: Let us worship God!**

**\*Hymn No. 91**

“Awake! Awake and Greet the New Morn”

Green Hymnal

## **Call to Confession**

### **Unison Prayer of Confession**

God, we know that the greatest commandment is to love you and love others. How often we fail to keep this commandment! We push you off to the side, and fail to live as your people. We neglect to love others, or we are selective in our caring. We love only those who are easy to love, resent those who get ahead of us, and hate our enemies. Forgive us! Use this season of Advent to make us more loving, that we may greet the birth of your Son with faith and love that lasts throughout the year. We ask in his name. Amen.

*Silence is kept for individual confession of sin.*

**Amen.**

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: Hear the good news: The gift of love born at Christmas will live in our hearts, and by this everyone will know that we are his disciples, if we have love for one another. Through the love and mercy of God in Christ Jesus, we are forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## Sharing the Peace of Christ

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## Congregational Response “Grant Us Peace”

*Dona nobis pacem, pacem.*

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## 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

“Carol for Advent”

PRICE/BESIG

## Children’s Time

### Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

Charles and Linda Vanarsdall

Leader: Today is the Second Sunday of Advent. This is a season of hope, and a season of love. We light the first candle as we remember that Jesus Christ comes to us as grace embodied, and transforms us into one body.

**People: Let the light of hope shine in our hearts!**

Leader: We light the second candle as we remember that the meaning of the season is love. For us, God sent Jesus, to teach us how to love God and each other. Love never ends.

**People: Let the light of love shine in our lives!**

### First Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading

1 Corinthians 13

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**                    “It’s a Wonderful Life: Love It”                    Rev. Dwight McCormick II

**\*Hymn No. 92**                    “He Came Down”                    Green Hymnal

**Reception of New Members**                    Ron, Cathy and Chris Reid

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

*Offertory*                    “Creator of the Stars of Night”                    ELIOT/SARUM/PLAINSONG

**\*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**

Touch our hearts, O God, with your love so that we may urgently plead for the privilege of sharing our resources with others. May your grace shown to us in Jesus Christ make us generous givers. Amen.

**\*Hymn No. 103**                    “Come, Lord Jesus”                    Green Hymnal

**\*Blessing by Music**                    “Make Way”                    KENDRICK

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

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\*Those who are able are invited to stand.

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