

# Northminster Presbyterian Church

*Welcomes You to Worship*

**Third Sunday  
in Advent**

**December 15, 2013**

**10:00 A.M.**

The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Prelude**

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

PRUDENTIAS/HAYES

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

### **Introit**

“Prepare the Way for the Lord”

GOVENOR

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

Charles Vanarsdall

Leader: We gather in joy,

**People: for here we find a joy that the world does not give.**

Leader: We come with hearts ready to rejoice,

**People: ready to sing and dance!**

Leader: We come to worship, and to rejoice in our Savior.

**ALL: Let us worship God!**

### **Lighting of the Third Advent Candle**

Ron, Cathy, and Chris Reid

Leader: Today is the Third Sunday of Advent. This is a season of hope, a season of love, and a season of joy. 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.

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

Leader: We light the candle of joy as we join in the happiness that Mary knew when the angel brought her the news of her son. We rejoice in God’s amazing works; nothing is impossible with God.

**People: Let the light of joy be seen in us!**

### **\*Hymn No. 23**

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Blue Hymnal

### **Scripture Reading**

Luke 1:26-38

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Meditation**      “It’s a Wonderful Life: Take Joy in It”      Rev. Dwight McCormick II

## **Invitation to the Offering**

### **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

*Offertory*      “Comfort, Comfort Now My People”      BOURGEOIS/SMITH

### **\*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 can never match your generosity. However, we pray in faith for your blessing on all that we offer to you now. May we bring your love to birth as we use these gifts. Amen.

### **\*Hymn**

“O Come, Little Children”

Words on Screen

## **CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

### **Carol**

“The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came”

Children

### **Carol No. 44**

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

*(Children sing verse 1—congregation joins in singing verses 2 and 4)*

### **Carol**

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

Children

### **Carol No. 66**

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

*(Children sing verses 1 and 2—congregation joins in singing verses 3 through 5)*

### **\*Carol No. 60**

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

*(Children sing verses 1 and 2—congregation joins in singing verses 3 and 4)*

### **\*Benediction and Blessing for the Christmas Brunch**

### **\*Postlude**

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\*Those who are able are invited to stand.

**Please stay for the Deacons’ Christmas Brunch  
in the Family Room following worship.**



**CHILDREN'S  
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

**READERS**

Ashley Foster  
Olivia Herzog  
Chloe McCormick  
Sophie Spriggs

**CAST**

Grace Adams  
Lilly Adams  
Isabella Alvarez  
Anthony Chesnut  
Dylan Foster  
Kyle Foster  
Meredith Herzog  
Phoebe McCormick  
Claire Spriggs  
Stella Spriggs

*Christ the Savior is Born!*