

Northminster Presbyterian Church

Welcomes You to Worship

**1st Sunday
After Christmas**

December 29, 2013

10:00 A.M.

The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

Welcome and Announcements

Diana Schneider

Prelude

Prayer of Invocation

Rev. Lisa Hess

***Call to Worship**

Diana Schneider

Leader: Shout to the Lord your praises!

People: Sing to the Lord the joy of this day!

Leader: For God's might and power are established in the universe!

People: God's transforming love beckons us.

Leader: Come, let us worship God whose Light bursts forth into our darkness!

People: Let us praise the God of salvation who brings us home.

Amen.

***Hymn No. 41**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Blue Hymnal

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

We come to you this day, gracious Lord, exhausted from all the activities of the season. It seems that we spend so much energy, time, and resources in preparation, and then when it is over, we collapse. We wonder what happened to all the enthusiasm we had. Lord, forgive us for placing our energies in getting and gathering. Give us peace and strength to renew our commitment to you. Remind us again to look around at the many ways in which we can be of service to you by serving others. Help us move forward in our compassion and not collapse in our witness. Heal us, merciful Lord, for we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Silence is kept for individual confession of sin.

Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

***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.*

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Lisa Hess

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.*

Special Music

Children's Time

Diana Schneider

First Reading

Isaiah 63:7-9

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Matthew 2:13-23

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Four Calling Birds"

Rev. Lisa Hess

***Hymn No. 56**

"The First Nowell"

Blue Hymnal

Invitation to the Offering

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

***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**

Loving God, these are gifts of hope, love, joy and peace. We bring them in faith that you will use them to share love and joy and hope with the world, through us. Amen.

***Hymn No. 38**

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

Blue Hymnal

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

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*Those who are able are invited to stand.

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