

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

“Adagio”

WESLEY

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**

Use our gifts, Loving God, so others might not be scared by life; so they may be sheltered in the blanket of your grace; so they might find a home with us as their family. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Hymn

“This Little Light of Mine”

Please refer to the screen

***Choral Blessing**

“Go Now in Peace”

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***Benediction**

***Postlude**

“Hornpipe”

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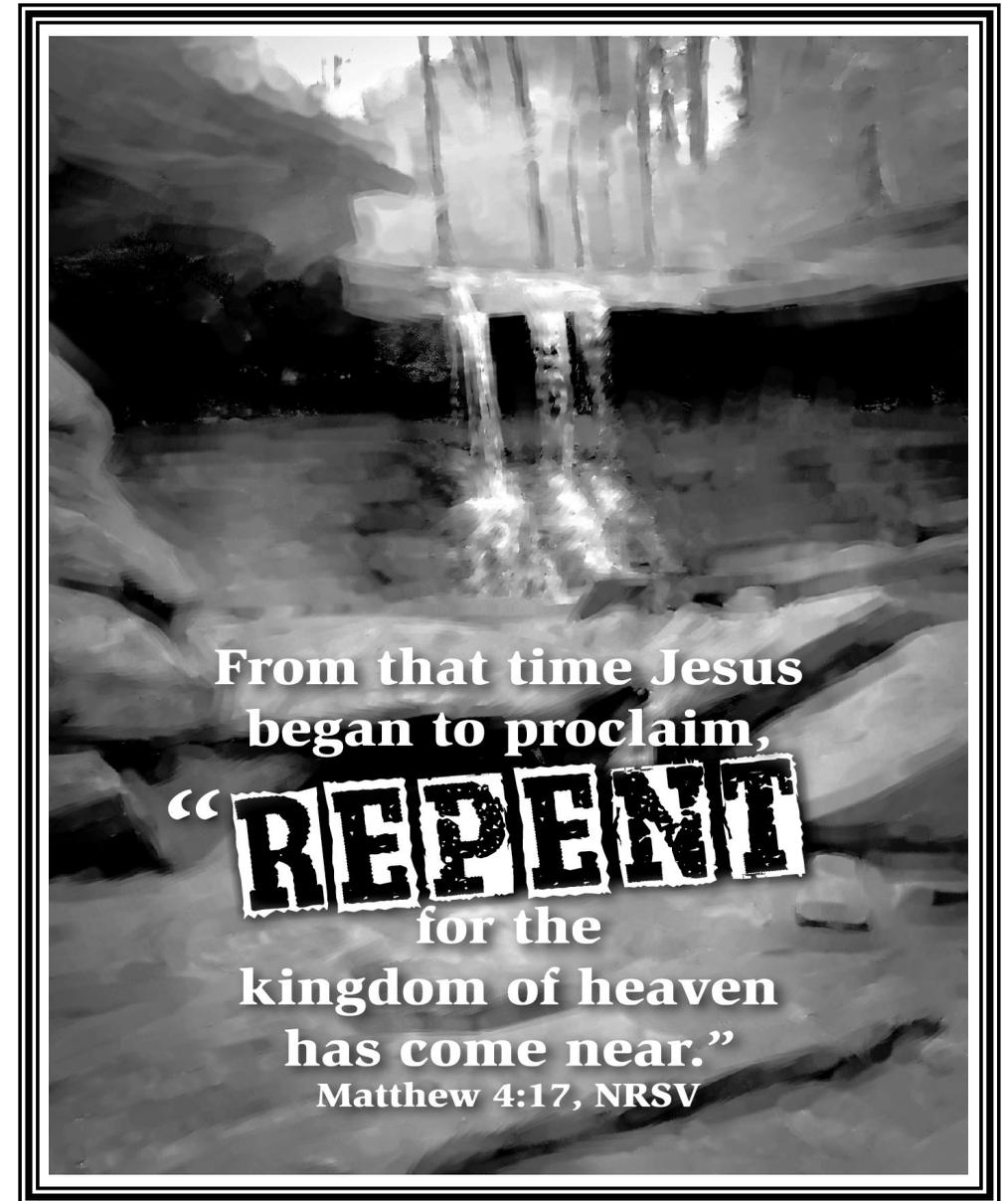
***Those who are able are invited to stand.**

Please stay for fellowship following worship.

You made our worship better by being here.

First time visitors please pick up your gift on the visitor's table to the right as you exit the sanctuary.

Please leave your contact information in the burgundy pew pads.



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, January 26, 2020

Northminster Presbyterian Church

January 26, 2020 *Welcomes You to Worship*
3rd Sunday after Epiphany 10:00 a.m.
Ministers: Everyone in the Congregation
The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

Prelude "First Couplet of the Kyrie" COUPERIN

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

Introit "Hosanna in the Highest" CAMAROON Song

***Call to Worship** Diana Harrison

Leader: Come out of the shadows and into God's light!
People: We will not play hide and seek, but will make a pilgrimage to God's heart.

Leader: Lay down all which is a burden to you!
People: We will give our fears to God, who is our help in every moment.

Leader: Follow the One who will lead you to new life!
People: We long to live in God's presence every day of our lives.

***Hymn No. 442** "The Church's One Foundation" Blue Hymnal

Call to Confession Diana Harrison

Unison Prayer of Confession

We admit, God our Light, that we do indeed try to tear Christ apart - a piece of him here to support our politics, a part of him to undergird our economic views, the rest of him to bolster our fears of others. We could leave immediately to follow him, but need to wait until we see where he might lead us. We want you to look upon us with favor always, but have no trouble turning our backs on those around us.

Hear us, God our Deliverer, as we speak of our failures! Have mercy on us, we appeal to you, have mercy! May your love become the core of our hearts, may your compassion become the words we speak, may your hope illuminate the ways in which we serve others, even as we seek to follow the One who calls us to new life, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Silence is kept for individual confession of sins

Leader: Amen

Assurance of Pardon Diana Harrison

Leader: God is our help, so why should we be afraid? God keeps us safe, there is nothing to dread! This is good news for all of us.

People: Sheltered in God's gracious heart of mercy and love, we raise shouts of joy: thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

***Response of Praise** "Glory Be to the Father"
*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

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Sung Response

*I am strength for all the despairing
Healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see; the lame will all run free,
And all will know my name.
Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine.*

Special Music *Ralph James*

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 9:1-4

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: Thanks be to God

Second Reading New Testament Lesson Matthew 4:12-23

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Invitation to Discipleship

***Hymn No. 267** "Will You Come and Follow Me" Green Hymnal