

Second Reading

New Testament Lesson

Matthew 4:1-11

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon**Invitation to Discipleship*****Hymn No. 333**

"Seek Ye First"

Blue Hymnal

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

"Jesu Dulcis Memoria"

arr. CALLHAN

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**

Too often, we give into the temptation to keep everything for ourselves. But you would have us notice those who hunger for hope, as well as bread; those who are caught in the injustices of the world; those who struggle to find themselves. And in noticing, we become generous and loving, even as we have been graced by our Brother and Savior, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

***Hymn No. 92**

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

Blue Hymnal

Benediction**Choral Blessing**

"Go Now in Peace"

BESIG

***Postlude**

"Fugue"

KERCKHOVEN

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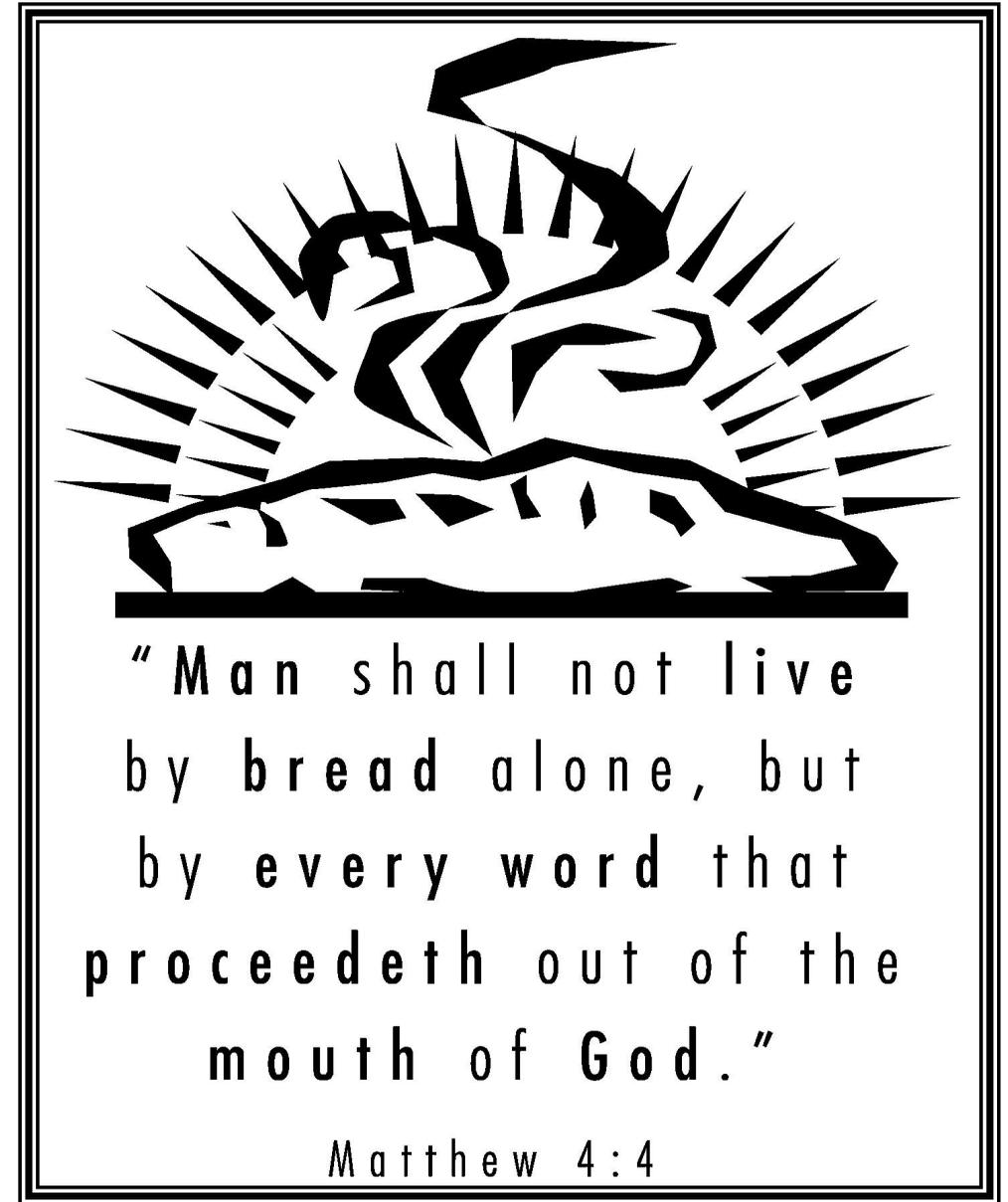
***Those who are able are invited to stand.**

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.

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NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, March 1, 2020

Northminster Presbyterian Church

March 1, 2020

Welcomes You to Worship

1st Sunday in Lent

10:00 a.m.

Ministers: Everyone in the Congregation

The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

Prelude “Now Woods and Hills Are Sleeping” JS BACH

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Invocation and the Lord’s Prayer

Introit “Light of the World” CARTER

***Litany for Lent** Dee Ahlm

Leader: Jesus of the temptations, you enter the wilderness of our hungers, our lust for power, our eagerness to test God:

People: be with us on our journey to Jerusalem, we pray.

Leader: Jesus of hopes, you set aside your glory, choosing to cradle us in your scarred hands:

People: hold us in your tender embrace, we pray.

Leader: Jesus of the Feast, you are broken so we might be healed, you pour out yourself so we might be drenched in your grace:

People: feed us from the simple gifts of creation, we pray.

Silence is kept

Leader: Lamb of God:

People: have mercy.

Leader: Servant to the poor:

People: have mercy on us.

Leader: Free gift of our righteousness:

People: have mercy on us.

***Hymn No. 354** “Guide My Feet” Blue Hymnal

Call to Confession Dee Ahlm

Unison Prayer of Confession

Led by the crafter of lies, Lord God, we wander into the wasteland of wrong-doing. We hunger for more and more, and feel emptier and emptier. We seek power, especially over others, only to do harm. By our choices, we worship the false gods of success, wealth, and spectacle.

Have mercy on us, God of love, and forgive us for the power we give to temptation in our lives. Help us to become as vulnerable as Jesus, for in that vulnerability, we find the humility to trust you in all things; in that trust, we discover the grace which sets us free from the grasp of the shrewd one; in that freedom, we can leave our badlands behind, in order to follow Jesus in this life, and into the next.

Silence is kept for individual confession of sins

Leader: Amen

Assurance of Pardon Dee Ahlm

Leader: Be glad and rejoice! Give thanks with shouts of joy! Grace abounds for everyone.

People: With glad cries of deliverance, we offer our thanks to God who loves us and forgives us. 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.*

Anthem “When We Are Tested” Please refer to screen

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading Old Testament Lesson Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

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