

Northminster Presbyterian Church

Welcomes You to Worship

All Saints' Day

November 8, 2020

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m.

Ministers: Everyone in the Congregation

The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

Prelude

"Ubi Caritas"

arr. CALLAHAN

Welcome and Opening Prayer

*Call to Worship (Psalm 78:1-4)

Jim Griffin

Leader: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;

People: incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

Leader: I will open my mouth in a parable;

People: I will utter dark sayings from of old,

Leader: things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.

We will not hide them from their children;

People: we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and God's might, and the wonders that the Lord has done.

Hymn No. 350

"Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"

Glory to God

Call to Confession

Jim Griffin

Unison Prayer of Confession

Loving God, as we examine our life together, our impulses and actions, we see all too clearly that our choices do not reflect your commandments. We fail to love you and we neglect to love our neighbors. You tell us to be ready to meet you at any moment, to stay awake to your presence and prepared to do your will. We remain distracted or complacent, disillusioned, or paralyzed. We ask for your wisdom. Focus our attention on our Savior that we might see your vision for this world. Forgive our past mistakes so that we will be free to be the salt and light you call and create us to be.

Silence is kept for individual confession of sins

Leader: Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Jim Griffin

Leader: Be pleased, O God, to deliver me. O Lord make haste to help me!

Friends, believe the good news,

People: through Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.

Joys and Concerns

Honoring Veterans Day

Pastoral Prayer and Prayer of Illumination

First Reading

Old Testament Lesson

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Leader: Hear now what The Spirit is saying to The Church

People: Thanks be to God

Second Reading

New Testament Lesson

Matthew 25:1-13

Leader: Hear now what The Spirit is saying to The Church

People: Thanks be to God

Special Music

"How Deep the Father's Love For Us"

TOWNSEND

Sermon

Responding to the Word

Stewardship Reminder (offering plate at the back of sanctuary as you exit)

Special ongoing offering for Clifton Avenue Food Pantry—use oatmeal box on the table

Stewardship Sunday

Affirmation of Faith (from A Declaration of Faith)

God has not taken his people out of the world but has sent them into the world to worship God there and serve all humankind. We worship God in the world by standing before the Lord on behalf of all people. Our cries for help and our songs of praise are never for ourselves alone. Worship is no retreat from the world; it is part of our mission. We serve humankind by discerning what God is doing in the world and joining God in that work. We risk disagreement and error when we try to say what God is doing here and now. But we find guidance in God's deeds in the past and in God's promises for the future, as they are witnessed to in Scripture. We affirm that the Lord is at work, especially in events and movements that free people by the gospel and advance justice, compassion, and peace.

Hymn No. 362

“Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers”

Glory to God

Benediction

Closing Chorus

“Go Now in Peace”

BESIG

Postlude

“Agincourt Hymn”

Hymn Tune
Var. CALLAHAN

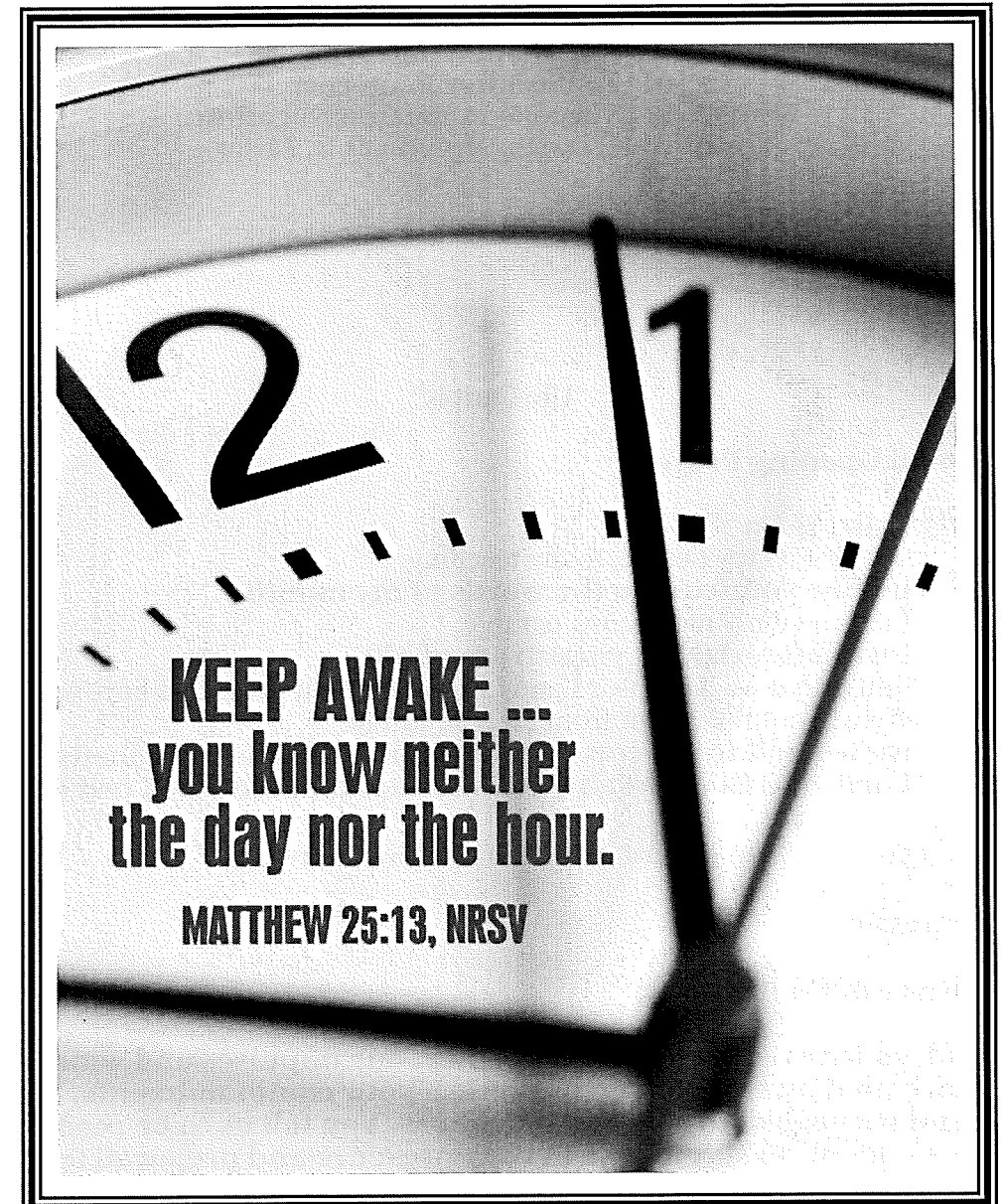
Thank you to David Hapner and Dawn White for leading us in song

Special thanks to Rev. Thom M. Shuman of
www.lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com for today's liturgy

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**KEEP AWAKE ...
you know neither
the day nor the hour.**

MATTHEW 25:13, NRSV

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