

# Northminster Presbyterian Church

*Welcomes You to Worship*

February 28, 2021

2nd 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 Opening Prayer**

**\*Call to Worship** Cathy Reid

Leader: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to God;

**People: God's face is not hidden from us when we cry to God.**

Leader: The poor shall eat and be satisfied;

**People: For dominion belongs to the Lord, and God rules over the nations.**

**Hymn** "The Church of Christ in Every Age" Glory to God

**Call to Confession** Cathy Reid

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and one another in our thoughts, our words, and our actions. There is a brokenness in us that reflects the brokenness of our world – and it is deep and broad. Yet in your mercy and healing grace, you can restore us and empower us to walk in the way of Christ. In your mercy and healing grace, you can reform our paths toward love and justice for our neighbors and for the earth. In your mercy and healing grace, you can make your peace – your shalom – a reality in our communities and lives. Amen.**

*Silence is kept for individual confession of sins*

Leader: Amen

**Assurance of Pardon** Cathy Reid

Leader: God's mercy and healing grace are sure for each and for all. Friends, hear the good of the gospel:

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and restored. We are set on right paths of love, justice, and peace.**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer and Prayer of Illumination**

**First Reading** Old Testament Lesson Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16  
Leader: Hear now what The Spirit is saying to The Church  
**People: Thanks be to God**

**Second Reading** New Testament Lesson Mark 8:31-38  
Leader: Hear now what The Spirit is saying to The Church  
**People: Thanks be to God**

**Special Music** "Be Thou My Vision" arr. HAYES

**Sermon** "The Beginning and The End" Rev. Kathleen Burslem

**Responding to the Word**

**Stewardship Reminder**

**Affirmation of Faith (from A Brief Statement of Faith)**

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.**

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Hymn** "They Crucified My Lord" Glory to God  
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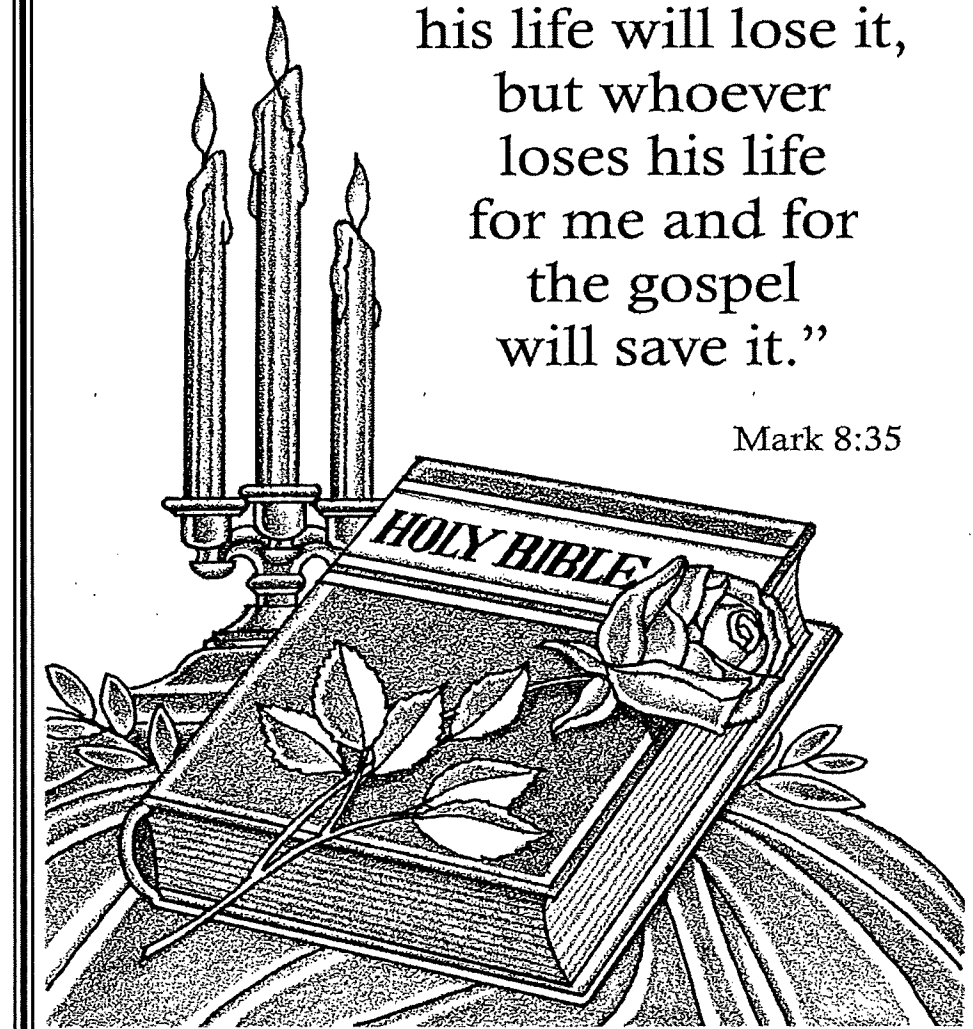
**Benediction**

**Closing Chorus** "Go Now in Peace" BESIG

**Postlude** "Fugue" KERCKHOVEN

“For whoever  
wants to save  
his life will lose it,  
but whoever  
loses his life  
for me and for  
the gospel  
will save it.”

Mark 8:35



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

Today's liturgy is provided by Rev. Roger Gench of The Presbyterian Outlook

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