

# Northminster Presbyterian Church

*Welcomes You to Worship*

November 7, 2021

24th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m.

**Ministers: Everyone in the Congregation**

The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

## Prelude

“Adorn Thyself, My Soul”

arr. CALLAHAN

## Welcome and Opening Prayer

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: He who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:

**People: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;**

Leader: I have called you by name,

**People: you are mine.**

Julie Griffin

## Hymn (sung)

“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!”

Glory to God

## Call to Confession

Julie Griffin

### Unison Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, too often we turn only to those we know, people who are familiar, known, and most like us. We fail to listen to marginalized voices. We fail to hear our stories as told by people from outside perspectives. Forgive us, God, and redeem us. Help us to seek your wisdom and your truth from people without power and privilege.**

*Silence is kept for individual confession of sins*

Leader: Amen

### Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

**People: Amen.**

Julie Griffin

### Gloria Patri (sung)

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.

### Joys and Concerns (Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer)

Julie Griffin

### Pastoral Prayer and Prayer of Illumination

## Meditation

“Prelude in E-major”  
(I, Well-Tempered Clavier)

JS BACH

## First Reading

Old Testament Lesson

Psalms 50:14

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

**People: Thanks be to God**

## Second Reading

New Testament Lesson

Mark 12:38-44

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

**People: Thanks be to God**

## Sermon

“Stewardship”

Rev. Dwight McCormick

## Responding to the Word

**Stewardship Reminder** (Offering plate is outside the sanctuary on the table by door)

### Doxology (sung)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### Affirmation of Faith (From the Confession of Belhar)

**We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells; that God’s lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God’s lifegiving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world; that the credibility of this message is seriously affected and its beneficial work obstructed when it is proclaimed in a land which professes to be Christian, but in which the enforced separation of people on a racial basis promotes and perpetuates alienation, hatred and enmity; that any teaching which attempts to legitimate such forced separation by appeal to the gospel and is not prepared to venture on the road of obedience and reconciliation, but rather, out of prejudice, fear, selfishness and unbelief, denies in advance the reconciling power of the gospel, must be considered ideology and false doctrine. Therefore, we reject any doctrine which, in such a situation, sanctions in the name of the gospel or of the will of God the forced separation of people on the grounds of race and color and thereby in advance obstructs and weakens the ministry and experience of reconciliation in Christ.**

**Hymn (sung)**                      “We Give Thee but Thine Own”                      Glory to God  
**Benediction**  
**Closing Chorus**                      “Go Now in Peace”                      BESIG  
**Postlude**                      “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”                      Hymn Tune Variation

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

Today's liturgy is provided by Teri McDowell Ott  
and The Presbyterian Outlook

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