

# Northminster Presbyterian Church

*Welcomes You to Worship*  
A Service of Lessons and Carols

December 24, 2021

Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord

6:00 P.M.

**Processional Hymn No. 41**

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”  
*Verses 1 and 3*

Blue Hymnal

## Call to Worship

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song;

**People: Sing to the Lord, all the earth!**

Leader: Sing to the Lord and bless God’s name;

**People: Tell the good news of salvation from day to day.**

Leader: Declare God’s glory among the nations, God’s marvelous works among all the peoples.

**People: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.**

Leader: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice.

**People: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
the world, and those who live in it.**

Leader: Let the whole creation sing for joy at the presence of God, who is coming.

**People: God is coming indeed, to judge the earth with righteousness,  
and the peoples with equity and truth. Praise the Lord!**

**First Lesson**

Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19  
*Adam and Eve disobey God’s command  
and disrupt the order and goodness of creation*

Jim Griffin

**Hymn No. 44**

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”  
*Verses 1, 2, 3*

Blue Hymnal

**Second Lesson**

Genesis 22:15-18  
*God promises that, through Abraham,  
all the peoples of the world will be blessed*

Kevin Creager

**Hymn No. 88**

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”  
*Verses 1, 2, 6*

Glory to God

## Lighting of the Christ Candle

Leader: We have watched; we have waited in hope.  
We have waited for peace.  
We have waited for joy!  
We have watched and waited with love.  
Now our redemption draws near!  
Glory to God in the highest!  
**ALLELUIA! AMEN.**

Carl & Dee Ahlm

**Third Lesson**

Isaiah 9:2-7  
*The people who walk in darkness  
receive the promise of the Messiah*

Carl & Dee Ahlm

**Hymn No. 123**

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”  
*Verses 1, 2, 5*

Glory to God

**Fourth Lesson**

Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9  
*The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse  
To restore the peace of creation*

Julie Griffin

**Hymn No. 129**

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”  
*Verses 1, 2, 3*

Glory to God

**Fifth Lesson**

Luke 1:26-38  
*An angel appears to Mary and announces  
that she will bear a holy child*

David Hapner

**Hymn No. 31**

“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”  
*Verses 1, 2, 3*

Blue Hymnal

**Sixth Lesson**

Luke 2:1-7  
*Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem,  
where Mary gives birth to her child*

Terry Rigio

**Hymn. No. 24**

“Away in a Manger”  
*Verses 1, 2, 3*

Blue Hymnal

**Seventh Lesson**

Luke 2:8-16  
*Angels appear to shepherds in the fields  
and announce the birth of the Messiah*

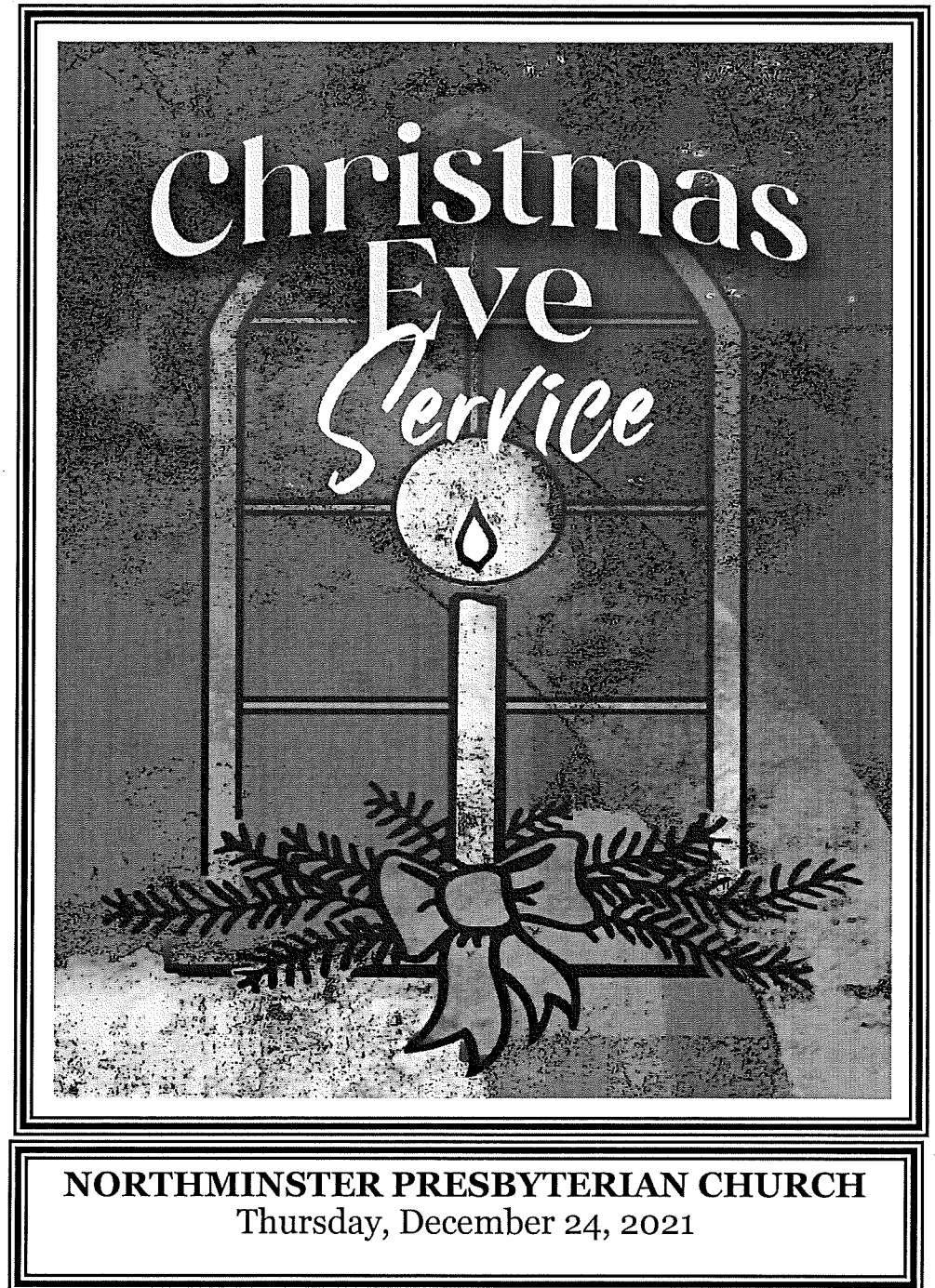
Pastor McCormick

**Hymn No. 23**

“Angels We Have Heard on High”  
*Verses 1, 2, 3*

Blue Hymnal

<b>Eighth Lesson</b>	Matthew 2:1-11 <i>Magi from the East come seeking the Messiah and offer gifts to the baby Jesus</i>	Dee Ahlm
<b>Hymn No. 66</b>	“We Three Kings of Orient Are” <i>Verses 1, 2, 5</i>	Blue Hymnal
<b>Ninth Lesson</b>	John 1:1—14 <i>The Word of God becomes flesh And lives among us, full of grace and truth</i>	Lois Shroyer
<b>Hymn No. 134</b>	“Joy to the World” <i>Verses 1, 2, 4</i>	Glory to God
<b>Closing Hymn No. 60</b>	“Silent Night, Holy Night” <i>Verses 1—4</i>	Blue Hymnal
<b>Charge and Blessing</b>		
<b>Postlude</b>	“Good Christian Men Rejoice”	WOOD



*A very special thank you to David Hapner and Dawn White for being  
our accompanists tonight.*

*Thank you so much for joining us on this wonderful Christmas Eve.  
Merry Christmas!*