

Northminster Presbyterian Church

Welcomes You to Worship

December 4, 2022

2nd Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m.

Ministers: Everyone in the Congregation

The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

Prelude Meditation on "Of the Father's Love Begotten" arr. CALLAHAN

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Carl Ahlm

Leader: Do you hear the voice of one crying out in the wilderness?
Will you heed the prophet's call?

People: We will prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

Hymn No. 82 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" Glory to God

Call to Confession Carl Ahlm

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of the prophets, we confess our lack of preparedness and our tendency to wander away from you and your path. You call us to venture outside our comfortable spaces, yet we hunker down and excuse ourselves from faithful action. Forgive us, God. Call us again. Help us to respond this Advent in faith.

Silence is kept for individual confession of sins

Leader: Amen

Assurance of Pardon Carl Ahlm

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

People: Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

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 (Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer) Carl Ahlm

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle: Peace Carl and Dee Ahlm

Leader: Watch and wait for Christ's coming! Light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love, remembering the promises of God with prayer. Last week we lit the candle of Hope. This week we light the candle of Peace.

Leader: Hear God's promise of peace from Isaiah 11:1-10

Leader: Let us pray:
Faithful God, you are at work to restore all of creation in its intended harmony. Give us your shalom that we may be reconciled to all enemies in the peace that passes all understanding through Christ Jesus our Lord.

People: God of promise, God of hope, into our darkness come.

All: He Came Down that we may have HOPE. He came down that we may have HOPE, he came down that we may have HOPE, hallelujah forevermore.
He Came Down that we may have PEACE. He came down that we may have PEACE. He came down that we may have PEACE. Hallelujah forevermore.

Pastoral Prayer and Prayer of Illumination

Prayer Response: O' Lord hear my prayer, O' Lord hear my prayer, when I call answer me, O' Lord hear my prayer, O' Lord hear my prayer, come and listen to me.

Meditation "Pastoralle" CORELLI

Gospel Reading Chorus "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord" SCHWARTZ

First Reading Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 11:1-10

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

People: Thanks be to God

Second Reading New Testament Lesson Matthew 3:1-12

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

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon Rev. Dwight McCormick

Responding to the Word

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

*Doxology

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 (Nicene Creed)**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn No. 96 “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” Glory to God

Benediction

Closing Chorus “Go Now in Peace” BESIG

Postlude “People Look East” Hymn Tune

*Those who are able are invited to stand

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

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

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