

Northminster Presbyterian Church

Welcomes You to Worship

January 1, 2023

1st Sunday of Christmas

10:00 a.m.

Ministers: Everyone in the Congregation

The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

Prelude

“He Is Born, the Divine Christ Child”

WOOD

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Leader: Sun and moon and all of you bright stars!

People: Praise God!

Leader: All of you who are his messengers and comprise his heavenly forces!!

People: Praise God!

Leader: Highest heaven and you waters that are above the sky!

People: Praise God!

Leader: Let all of these praise the Lord’s name because God gave the command and they were created!

People: God set them in place always and forever. God made a law that will not be broken.

ALL: Let us worship God!

Jim Griffin

Hymn No. 625

“O Lord My God”

Glory to God

Call to Confession

Jim Griffin

Unison Prayer of Confession

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore, will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

Silence is kept for individual confession of sins

Leader: Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Jim Griffin

Leader: During all our distress, God is also distressed, so he sends a messenger who serves him to save us. In love and mercy God has redeemed us.

People: Thanks be to God. 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)

Jim Griffin

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

“Prelude in C-Major”

BACH

First Reading

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 63:7-9

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

People: Thanks be to God

Second Reading

New Testament Lesson

Matthew 2:13-23

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

People: Thanks be to God

Hymn Sing

No. 661 Why Should I Feel Discouraged

“In the Garden” (refer to screen)

No. 721 Lord, You have Come to the Lakeshore

No. 291 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

No. 401 Here in This Place

No. 22 God of the Sparrow

No. 133 O Come, All Ye Faithful

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 (from The Confession of 1967)

God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of God’s dealings with humankind. In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator.

Hymn No. 134

“Joy to the World”

Glory to God

Benediction

Closing Chorus

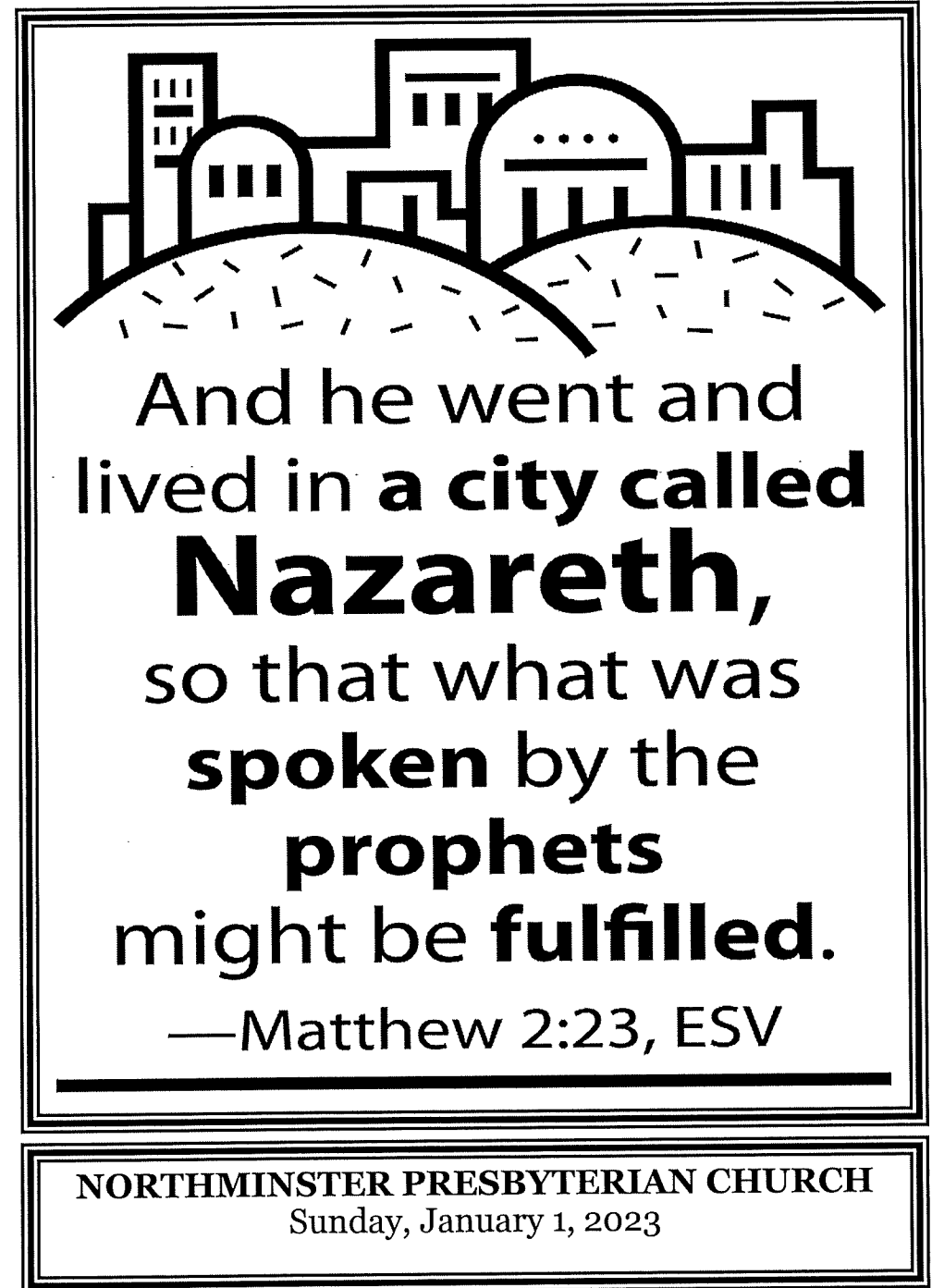
“Go Now in Peace”

BESIG

Postlude

“Good Christian Men Rejoice”

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 Kyle Walker
and The Presbyterian Outlook

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