

Northminster Presbyterian Church

Welcomes You to Worship

January 8, 2023

Baptism of the Lord

10:00 a.m.

Ministers: Everyone in the Congregation

The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

Prelude

“Bright Morning Star”

PEETERS

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Jim Griffin

Leader: We know that the voice of the Lord is powerful.

People: We know that the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

Leader: We believe that the servant of the Lord will not break a bruised reed.

People: We believe that the servant of the Lord will not quench a dim flame.

Leader: Both these things are true:

People: Our God’s righteousness is a mighty stream,

Leader: And our Savior is like a lamb.

People: Through the Holy Spirit, we hold space for all aspects of God.

ALL: Today we worship an unknowable God, who loves us and calls us by name, who came to meet us in the person of Jesus Christ.

Hymn No. 688

“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

Glory to God

Call to Confession

Jim Griffin

Unison Prayer of Confession

Creator God, in our baptisms, you marked us with your love, inviting us into covenant with you. As we grow older, you reveal more and more of yourself to us. We see and experience the brokenness of the world; we know that we are called to embody your love. But the task sometimes feels too big. It’s easier to ignore the pain of others. It’s easier to choose blindness. Forgive us for forgetting our baptism, for forgetting that our lives are meant for something bigger.

Silence is kept for individual confession of sins

Leader: Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Jim Griffin

Leader: Even when we fail, even when we are not perfect, God still claims us. God still calls us by name. God still places God’s Spirit upon us.

People: We are known and loved and forgiven. 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

“O Come, Everyone that Thirsteth”

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First Reading

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 60:1-6

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

People: Thanks be to God

Second Reading

New Testament Lesson

Matthew 3:13-17

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 (Book of Common Worship)

Through baptism we enter the covenant God has established. Within this covenant God gives us new life, guards us from evil, and nurtures us in love. In embracing that covenant, we choose whom we will serve, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ.

Communion (please refer to the liturgy insert)

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion

Prayer after Communion

Hymn No. 482

"Baptized in Water"

Glory to God

Benediction

Closing Chorus

"Go Now in Peace"

BESIG

Postlude

"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"

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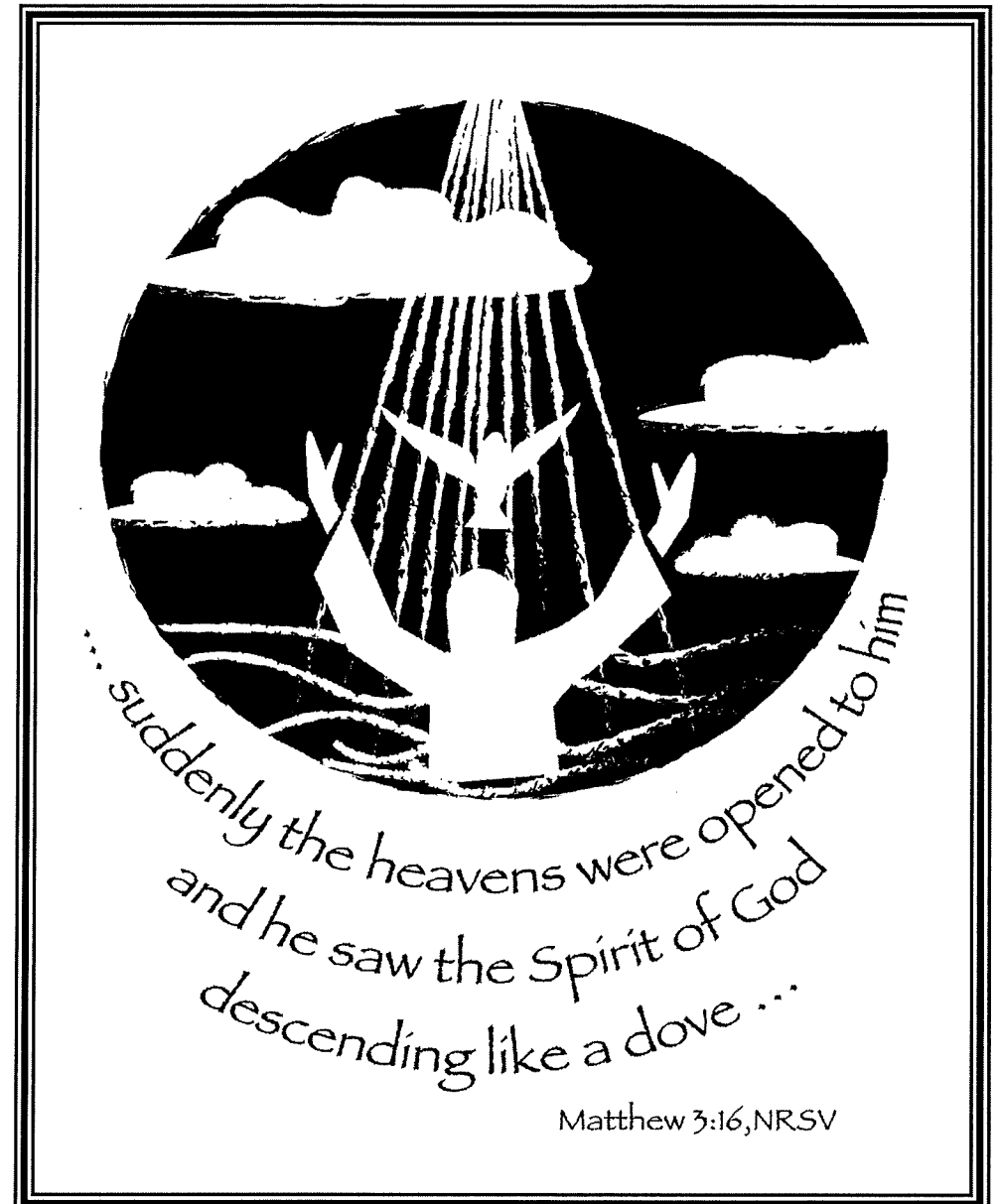
*Those who are able are invited to stand

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

Today's liturgy is provided by Rose Schrott Taylor
and The Presbyterian Outlook

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Sunday, January 8, 2023