

Northminster Presbyterian Church

Welcomes You to Worship

January 22, 2023

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 a.m.

Ministers: Everyone in the Congregation

The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

Prelude

“Meditation”

PEETERS

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Lois Shroyer

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Leader: We gather in the presence of God. Let us open our hearts and minds in worship.

Hymn No. 761

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

Glory to God

Call to Confession

Lois Shroyer

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, when despair and suffering overwhelms us, we cry out for you and feel abandoned. We doubt your presence and your promises. We believe you have turned away from us in anger. We ask why you have forsaken us. In these moments, strengthen us in faith and fill our hearts with courage. We believe, God. Help our unbelief.

Silence is kept for individual confession of sins

Leader: Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Lois Shroyer

Leader: The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

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)

Lois Shroyer

Pastoral Prayer and Prayer of Illumination

I cast all my cares upon You.

I lay all of my burdens down at your feet.

And anytime that I don't know what to do,

I will cast all my cares upon You. (sing through twice)

Meditation

“You Lift Me Up”

arr. SHACKLEY

First Reading

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 9:1-4

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

People: Thanks be to God

Second Reading

New Testament Lesson

Matthew 4:12-23

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 (From A Brief Statement of Faith)**

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

Hymn No. 726

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

Glory to God

Benediction

Closing Chorus

Postlude

“Go Now in Peace”

BESIG

“Trumpet Voluntary”

WESLEY

*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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