

Northminster Presbyterian Church

Welcomes You to Worship

January 29, 2023

4th Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 a.m.

Ministers: Everyone in the Congregation
The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

Prelude "Now Woods and Hills Are Sleeping" JS BACH

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Call to Worship Lois Shroyer

Leader: O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

People: Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right and speak the truth from their heart;

Leader: Who do not slander with their tongue and do no evil to their friends nor heap shame upon their neighbors; in whose eyes the wicked are despised but who honor those who fear the Lord;

People: Who stand by their oath even to their hurt; who do not lend money at interest and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

Hymn No. 643 "Now Thank We All Our God" Glory to God

Call to Confession Lois Shroyer

Unison Prayer of Confession

You have told us what is good, O God. Your hopes for us are clear. And yet we live as though it is unclear what you would have us do. We live as though we're not the recipients of grace upon grace. We have withheld what is not our own. We have judged where it was not our place. We have sinned by what we have done and what we have failed to do. We know that we have sinned. We seek your forgiveness and your reconciliation and strength that we may follow in the way you would have us go. Cleanse us and guide us. We make this and all our prayers in reliance upon our faithful savior, Jesus Christ.

Silence is kept for individual confession of sins

Leader: Amen

Assurance of Pardon Lois Shroyer

Leader: He gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

People: Believe the promise of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*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

"Peace I Leave You"

PASQUET

First Reading

Old Testament Lesson

Micah 6:1-8

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

People: Thanks be to God

Second Reading

New Testament Lesson

Matthew 5:1-12

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

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon

"I'm Blessed? . . . You're Kidding"

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 Declaration of Faith)

God created human beings with a need for community and with freedom to enter into it by responding to their Maker with grateful obedience and to one another with love and helpfulness. We believe that we have been created to relate to God and each other in freedom and responsibility. We may misuse our freedom and deny our responsibility by trying to live without God and other people or against God and other people. Yet we are still bound to them for our life and well-being, and intended for free and responsible fellowship with them. Since every human being is made for communion with God and others, we must treat no one with contempt. We are to respect and love all other people and ourselves as well.

Hymn No. 172

"Blest Are They"

Glory to God

Benediction

Closing Chorus

Postlude

“Go Now in Peace”

BESIG

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Hymn Tune
arr. CALLAHAN

*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 Baron Mullis
and The Presbyterian Outlook

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THE BEATITUDES

BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT,
FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

BLESSED ARE THEY WHO MOURN,
FOR THEY WILL BE COMFORTED.

BLESSED ARE THE MEEK,
FOR THEY WILL INHERIT THE LAND.

BLESSED ARE THEY WHO HUNGER AND THIRST
FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS,

FOR THEY WILL BE SATISFIED.

BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL,
FOR THEY WILL BE SHOWN MERCY.

BLESSED ARE THE CLEAN OF HEART,
FOR THEY WILL SEE GOD.

BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS, FOR THEY
WILL BE CALLED CHILDREN OF GOD.

BLESSED ARE THEY WHO ARE PERSECUTED
FOR THE SAKE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS,
FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

Matthew 5:3-10

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