Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Response of Praise

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Provider God, help change the way we view the world in terms of scarcity. We live in abundance yet we fear that which we do not have. Our cupboards are full yet we gather up more than we need. Help our hearts and minds to see the plenty that is around us, and give us wisdom to worship you in our stewardship of all of these your gifts. Amen.

*Hymn No. 41

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

*The Benediction

*Postlude

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*Those who are able are invited to stand.

Please stay for fellowship in the Family Room following worship.
Northminster Presbyterian Church

Welcomes You to Worship

1st Sunday after Christmas December 28, 2008 10:00 A.M.
The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements (pass attendance roster)

Prelude

*Call to Worship Psalm 148 Anne Hines
Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!
People: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!
Leader: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!
People: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!
Leader: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.
People: He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.
Leader: Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,
People: fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!
Leader: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!
People: Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!
Leader: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!
People: Young men and women alike, old and young together!
Leader: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.
People: He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!

*Hymn No. 38 “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

*Prayer of Confession (unison)
Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon
Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*Response of Praise 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

Congregational Prayer Response
O Lord hear our prayer, O Lord hear our prayer,
When we call answer us.
O Lord hear our prayer, O Lord hear our prayer,
Come and listen to us.

Special Music

Children’s Time and the Lord’s Prayer (debts and debtors)

First Reading Psalm 147:1-11
Leader: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

Second Reading John 1:14-18
Leader: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

Sermon “Love Incarnating” Rev. David Girbert

*Hymn No. 23 “Angels We Have Heard on High”