

The Words of Institution

The service of holy communion is a celebration of the presence of God and Christ among us and a feast of bounty for all. In this place, all are welcome to partake. You will be directed, row by row, to come forward. The server will place the bread in your open palms. Gluten free wafers are available. You are invited to take your own cup.

*The Communion Anthem *Wexford Carol* Traditional Irish Carol
Naomi Kilpatrick, Contralto

*The Communion Response VENI EMMANUEL

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Christ, all creatures here below.
Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter,
One God Triune, whom we adore.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel. Amen.*

Departing to Respond to God’s Love

*The Congregational Carol Sing and Recessional (See Insert)

*The Benediction

The Postlude *Gloria Patri from Magnificat* J. S. Bach

*The floral offering is given to the
Glory of God
And in loving memory of Welton Gaddy
And with love, in honor of Judy Gaddy
By D.H. Clark and Craig Henry*

At Northminster, Everyone Is a Minister
Our Equipping Ministers

Senior Pastor: Rev. Jillian Hankamer **Director of Music:** Rev. Dr. Deborah Chandler
Organist/Musician in Residence: Rev. Dr. D.H. Clark **Music Associate:** Mr. Justin Havard
Choral Intern: Miss Naomi Kilpatrick **Admin. Assistant:** Ms. Renee Decker
In Memoriam Rev. Dr. C. Welton Gaddy, Senior Pastor 1992-2016

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The Worship of God

December 22, 2024

The Fourth Sunday in Advent

The Sunday of Love

Welcome to our service at Northminster Church. We believe that true worship is an active experience for each worshipper. As we become aware of the presence of those seated near us let us enter into the realization that this hour provides us with an opportunity to encounter the Holy. At this time, please silence all electronic devices. Then, please sign and pass the attendance register on the inside aisle of each row so we can know of your presence with us.

Gathering for Worship

The Preludes 10:45 a.m.

*Fugues on the Magnificat – Johann Pachelbel
Serenade to the Holy Family – Hector Berloz
A Spotless Rose – Herbert Howells
A Hymn to the Virgin – Benjamin Britten*

The Chiming of the Hour 11:00 a.m.

The Welcome and Opportunities Rev. Jillian Hankamer

The King Family

One: May it be so! Amen!

Light the Advent Candle
ADVENT CANDLE SONG

(Please rise in body or in spirit as the processional cross passes your row)

My Heart Sings Out with Joyful Praise
ELLACOMBE CMD

Rev. Hankamer

Listening for God in Word and Prayer

Johannes Brahms

Rev. Hankamer

Love Came Down at Christmas
WHITNEY

D. H. Clark

Luke 1:46-55

Matthew 1:18-25

Choir: Praise be to God, the God of love! Praise be to you, O Christ.

Rev. Hankamer

GREENSLEEVES
arr. D.H. Clark

~ Text adapted from Luke 1

Dedicating Gifts to God

The Offertory is a time of personal devotion and reflection on the day's teaching, and an opportunity to present silently before God what we can give of ourselves. Monetary gifts, which are an important part of our worship and commitment to our church, may be made privately in the offering plate located in the aisle at the back of the sanctuary or via PayPal by scanning the QR Code found on the insert.

Sharing Holy Communion

The Prayer of Jesus (Using “Father” or “God”; using “trespasses”)

**Please rise, if able.*