

\*The Closing Hymn No. 160

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*  
ELDERKIN

\*The Benediction

\*The Postlude and Recessional

*Holberg Suite: Praeludium*  
Edvard Grieg

(Following the Choir's recession, you may quietly follow or be seated until the conclusion of the postlude)



**At Northminster, Everyone Is a Minister**  
**Our Equipping Ministers**

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

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**The Worship of God**  
**The First Sunday After Epiphany**  
**January 11, 2026**

*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.
<i>Preludes on HOW BRIGHTLY SHINES THE MORNING STAR</i> <i>J. S. Bach and Niels Wilhelm Gade</i> <i>Prelude on the Introit for Epiphany – Maurice Duruflé</i> <i>Arise, Shine, For Your Light Has Come - Eleanor Whitsett</i>	
The Chiming of the Hour	11:00 a.m.
The Welcome and Opportunities	Rev. Jillian Hankamer
The Call to Worship	Rev. Hankamer
One: In the dark morning, <b>Many: the stars still shine.</b>	
One: In the depth of winter, <b>Many: the birds still climb.</b>	

One: At the start of the year, tender and new,

**Many: God is here. God is near.**

One: Do not rest in your fear.

**Many: God is here.**

One: So, like the stars and the birds,

**Many: let us worship holy God.**

\*The Processional *(Please rise in body or in spirit as the processional cross passes your row)*

\*The Opening Hymn No. 159 *As with Gladness Those of Old*  
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## Listening for God in Word, Music, and Prayer

The Children's Message

*I see the face of God in you; the love of Christ comes shining through, and I am blessed to be with you, beloved, holy child of God.*

The Voluntary *What Star is This?* PUER NOBIS NASCITUR, arr. Lani Smith

The Pastoral Prayer Rev. Hankamer

\*The Hymn No. 164 *Arise, Your Light is Come*  
FESTAL SONG

\*The Gospel Acclamation D.H. Clark  
*God, revealed through Christ a new light for all people. Glory be to you, O Christ.*

\*The Gospel Reading Matthew 2:1-12 and 16-18

One: The Gospel of our Lord.

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

Choir *They brought precious gifts to lay before the king. Now open minds and hearts and our very lives we gladly bring. Praise be to you, O Christ.*

The Sermon *Fear Doesn't Stop Us* Rev. Hankamer

The Anthem Psalm 27 ROCKINGHAM, arr. D. H. Clark

The Lord is my light and my salvation, of whom then shall I be afraid? My stronghold in the hour of need through faith, my sure foundation laid. When evil surrounds and foes assail, when conflict makes us stumble and fall, my confidence is strong and sure in God, my light, my strength, my all. One thing I ask and strive to seek: To live within the house of God, to see the beauty of God's grace, and walk the path God's saints have trod. Be strong and take heart and all shall know a joy no earthly power can erase abounding in the living land, the goodness of God's love and grace. - paraphrase by D. H. Clark

## 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 Invitation to Communion

The Prayer of Jesus (Using "Father" or "God" and "trespasses")

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 either partake of the common cup containing wine or you may choose to take one of the individual cups containing grape juice. If you wish to take communion using intinction (dipping the bread), please use the individual cups.*

The Communion Anthem *Alleluia* Jan Reese

\*The Communion Response LAAST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Christ, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter, One God Triune, whom we adore.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.**

*\*Please rise, if able.*