

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	<i>The Call</i>	Ralph Vaughan Williams Arr. D. H. Clark
<i>Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a Way as gives us breath; such a Truth as ends all strife; such a Life as conquers death. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a Light as shows a feast; such a Feast as mends in length; such a Strength as makes a guest. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a Joy as none can move; such a love as none can part; such a Heart, as joys in love.</i>		
– Text: George Herbert, alt.		

*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.	

Departing to Respond to God’s Love

*The Closing Hymn and Recessional No. 593 (Stanzas 1 & 3)	<i>Lift Every Voice and Sing</i> LIFT EVERY VOICE
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*The Benediction	Rev. Cluck
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The Postlude	<i>A Breeze from Alabama</i>	Scott Joplin
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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
The Seventh Sunday After Epiphany
February 23, 2025

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.
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Music from African American Composers

Cameo - Samuel Coleridge-Taylor
Destiny (A Boy of Peculiar Grace) from Fire Shut Up in My Bones – Terrance Blanchard
Adoration - Florence Price
Hear my Prayer - Moses Hogan, arr. D. H. Clark

The Chiming of the Hour	11:00 a.m.
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The Welcome and Opportunities	Craig Henry
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The Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Darrell Cluck

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord;

People: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Leader: Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving;

People: let us make a joyful noise to the Lord with songs of praise!

Leader: For the Lord is a great God

People: and a great Sovereign above all gods.

Leader: In God’s hand are the depths of the earth;

People: the heights of the mountains are the Lord’s also.

Leader: The sea is God’s, for the Lord made it,

People: and the dry land, which God’s hands have formed.

Leader: O Come, let us worship and bow down;

People: let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

Leader: For the Lord is our God,

All: and we are the people of God’s pasture and the sheep of God’s hand.

From Psalm 95

The Processional

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

*The Opening Hymn No. 8

Praise to the Living God

DIADEMATA

The Children’s Message

Beth Mayfield

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.

Listening for God in Word and Prayer

The Voluntary

Christo Redentor

Jon Batiste

The New Testament Reading

Romans 8:18-30

One: The word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

The Pastoral Prayer

Dr. Cluck

The Prayer Response

I Love My God, Who Heard My Cry

SMALLWOOD

I love my God, who heard my cry and chased my grief away. O let my heart no more despair while I have breath to pray.

The Old Testament Reading

Genesis 50:15-21

One: The word of God.

Many: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

God Makes Good: The Concourse of Providence

Dr. Cluck

The Anthem

NEUMARK, arr. David Schwoebel

If You Will Only Let God Guide You

If you will only let God guide you, And hope in God through all your ways, Whatever comes God stands beside you, to bear you through the evil days. Who trusts in God’s unchanging love builds on the rock that cannot move. Only be still and wait God’s leisure, Wait in cheerful hope, with heart content; To take whatever Jehovah’s pleasure, and all discerning love have sent; Nor doubt our inmost wants are known, to God who chose us for God’s own. Sing, pray, and swerve not from God’s ways, but do your part in conscience true. Trust God’s rich promises of grace, So shall they be fulfilled in you. God hears the call of those in need, The souls that trust in God indeed.

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”)

*Please rise, if able.