The Communion Anthem *A Prayer of Saint Patrick* John Rutter

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ above me, Christ beneath me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger. -From *Saint Patrick's Breastplate* (5th Century)

*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.

*The Closing Hymn No. 403 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*
(Stanzas 1 and 2) SOLID ROCK

*The Benediction Rev. Hankamer

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

*The Postlude and Recessional

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:** Dr. Diana Thacher
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In Memoriam Rev. Dr. C. Welton Gaddy, Senior Pastor 1992-2016

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Do Justice, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly with God. MICAH 6:8

NORTHMINSTER Church

The Worship of God

The Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost
October 18, 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.

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

The Welcome and Opportunities Rev. Jillian Hankamer

The Call to Worship

One: Come, let us worship the God whose image is written upon every human life, whose love claims us, and whose grace calls us home.
Many: We belong to God, and in God we find our life.
One: Let us lay aside the powers that clamor for our allegiance and turn our hearts toward the One whose kingdom is founded in justice, mercy, and peace.
Many: We offer God our praise, our gratitude, and our whole selves.
One: Let us worship the One who created us, sustains us, and calls us to live as people of holy love.
Many: Glory be to God, now and always. Amen.

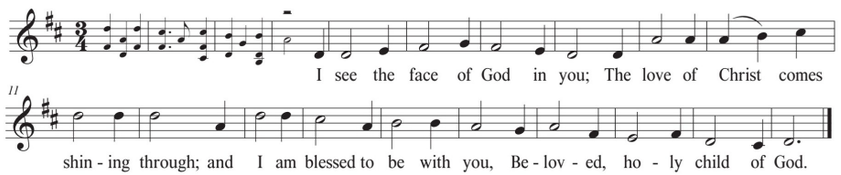
**Please rise, if able, in body or in spirit.*

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

*The Opening Hymn No. 400 *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*
REGENT SQUARE
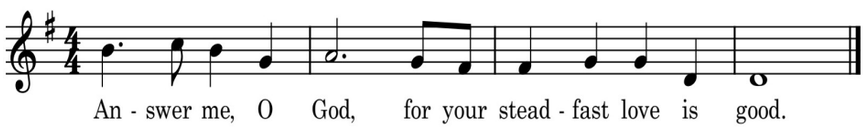
Listening for God in Word, Music, and Prayer

The Children's Message Ann Aro



The Voluntary

The Psalter Psalm 69



The Pastoral Prayer Rev. Hankamer

The Prayer Response *Prayer* ST COLUMBA

The Epistle Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

One: Words of welcome and commendation from Paul.
Many: **Thanks be to God.**

*The Hymn No. 493 *O Jesus, I Have Promised*
(Stanzas 1 and 3) ANGEL'S STORY

*The Gospel Acclamation D.H. Clark

This is the good news from God this day. Glory be to You, O Christ.

*The Gospel Reading Matthew 22:15-22

One: The Gospel of the Lord.
Many: **Thanks be to God.**
Choir: *Listen as God speaks to us this day through these words. Praise be to You, O Christ.*

The Sermon Rev. Hankamer

The Anthem *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* Eric Nelson

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms. Leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning on the everlasting arms. Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way; oh, how bright the path grows from day today, leaning on the everlasting arms. Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. *Text by E. A. Hoffman*

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.

**Please rise, if able.*