

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

If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments
Thomas Tallis

If ye love Me, keep My commandments, and I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever, e'en the Spirit of truth that He may abide with you forever. - from John 14:15-17

*The Communion Response

LAASST 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. 493

O Jesus, I Have Promised
ANGEL'S STORY

*The Benediction

Rev. Hankamer

The Postlude

Sonata in D Minor Domenico Scarlatti



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 Fourth Sunday After Epiphany
February 2, 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.

Partita on "Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring" – Johann Pachelbel
Chorale Preludes on "Blessed Jesus We Are Here" – Sigfried Karg-Elert, Richard Purvis
Choral Prelude on RHOSYMEDRE – Ralph Vaughan Williams

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

The Welcome and Opportunities Rev. Jillian Hankamer

The Minute for Missions Turner Wilson

The Call to Worship

Rev. Hankamer

One: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Many: **Forgive us, our spiritual arrogance.**

One: Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Many: **Forgive us, our false independence.**

One: Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Many: **Forgive us, our misplaced aggression.**

One: Blessed are the ones who hunger and thirst, for they shall be satisfied.

Many: **Forgive us, our gluttony.**

One: Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Many: **Forgive us, our half-hearted commitment.**

One: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.

Many: **Forgive us, for waging war.**

One: Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the realm of heaven.

Many: **Forgive us, for not taking a stand.**

The Processional

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

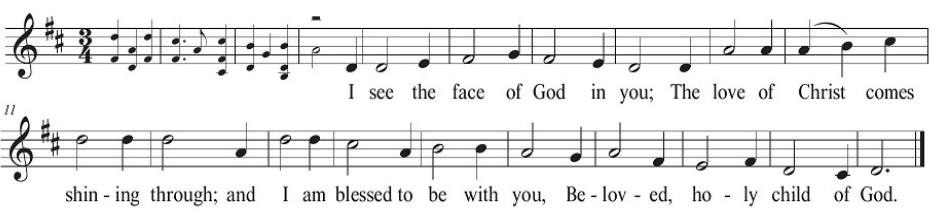
*The Opening Hymn No. 527

We Offer Christ

CHARTERHOUSE

The Children’s Message

Rev. Hankamer



Listening for God in Word and Prayer

The Voluntary

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus (with Vocalise)

Williams,
Rachmaninoff, arr. Ham

The Psalm

Psalm 30

One: A song of David for the dedication of the temple.

Many: Thanks be to God.

The Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Hankamer

*The Hymn No. 531

God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

(Stanzas 2, 3, 4)

CANONBURY

The Scripture Reading

Acts 16:16-24

One: A story of the risks of seeking justice.

Many: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

Main Character Energy

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”)

*Please rise, if able.