

The Communion Anthem *Holy, Holy, Holy* Franz Schubert
 From *Impromptu No. 3* and *Mass in G* arr. D. H. Clark
Holy, holy, holy, is our God. God of heaven and earth. All the earth is full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Holy is your name. Amen.

*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. 160 *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*
 ELDERKIN

*The Benediction Dr. Cluck

The Postlude *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* arr. Phillip Keveren

***The floral offering is given to the Glory of God
 And in Honor of D.H. Clark and Craig Henry
 By the Family of Jim Files***



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

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In Memoriam Rev. Dr. C. Welton Gaddy, Senior Pastor 1992-2016

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The Worship of God

The Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 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.
Preludes on "How Brightly Shone the Morning Star"
J. S. Bach, Robert Hobby, and Johann Pachelbel
Prelude on the Introit for Epiphany – Maurice Duruflé

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

The Welcome and Opportunities Mark Windham

The Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Darrell Cluck

Leader: When we pass through the waters,

People: God is there with us.

Leader: When we suffer and feel hopeless,

People: God is there with us.

Leader: Whether we feel triumphant or defeated,

People: God is there with us, always.

Leader: Come, let us worship together with Emmanuel,

People: God with us.

~ written by Rev. Mindi

The Processional

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

*The Opening Hymn No. 157

Brightest and Best
MORNING STAR

The Children’s Message

Ann Aro



I see the face of God in you; The love of Christ comes
shin - ing through; and I am blessed to be with you, Be - lov - ed, ho - ly child of God.

Listening for God in Word and Prayer

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

One: The Prophet speaks.

Many: Thanks be to God.

The Voluntary

Preludio

Paul Hankinson

The Pastoral Prayer

Dr. Cluck

*The Gospel Acclamation

D.H. Clark

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light. Glory be to you, O Christ.

*The Gospel Reading

John 1:29-42

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Choir Arise, shine, for your Light has come. Praise be to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

Good News Goes in Circles

Dr. Cluck

The Anthem

He Comes to Us

Jane Marshall

He comes to us as One unknown, without a name, as of old, by the lakeside He came. He came to those who knew Him not. He speaks to us, speaks the same words: "Follow thou me", and sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfill for our time. He commands, and those who obey, whether they be wise or simple, He will reveal Himself in the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings which they shall pass through in His fellowship, and as an ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience who He is.

-Text by Albert Schweitzer; from "The Quest of the Historical Jesus"

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 take your own cup.

**Please rise, if able.*