

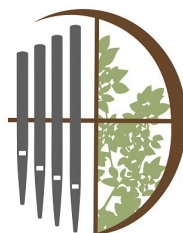
The Communion Anthem *Prayer of St. Francis* Allen Pote
Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred let me sow love; where there is injury, thy pardon; where there is doubt, let there be faith; where there is despair let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, let there be light; where there is sadness, let there be joy. Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. It is in giving that we receive and in pardoning that we are pardoned; in dying that we are born to eternal life. Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Amen.

*The Communion Response OLD ONE HUNDREDTH
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Christ, all creatures here below.
Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter,
One God Triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

*The Closing Hymn No. 533 *Children of God*
(Stanzas 1-3) WELWYN

*The Benediction Rev. Hankamer

*The Postlude and Recessional *Hymn of Promise* N. Sleeth, arr. Eleanor Whitsett
(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**

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 Associate: Miss Naomi Kilpatrick **Admin. Assistant:** Ms. Renee Decker
In Memoriam Rev. Dr. C. Welton Gaddy, Senior Pastor 1992-2016

Permission to reprint, podcast, and/or stream the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE #A-708653. All rights reserved.

2701 Lamy Lane | Monroe, LA 71201 | 318-388-3717 | www.northmin.org



The Worship of God

The First Sunday in Lent
February 22, 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 *Prelude on ROCKINGHAM* – Charles Calahan 10:45 a.m.
Preludes on BROTHER JAMES' AIR – Searle Wright and Harold Darke
Only in Sleep - Ēriks Ešenvalds, arr. D. H. Clark

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

The Welcome and Opportunities Rev. Jillian Hankamer

The Call to Worship
One: The good news of the gospel is:
Many: manna in the desert, water turned into wine, love after loss, forgiveness after pain.
One: The good news of the gospel is:
Many: release of the captive, hope for the hopeless, mourning turned to dancing, and strangers turned to friends.
One: So, come on in. There's no time to waste! This surprising, good news is here for you.
Many: Let us worship this good-news God.

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

The Introit D. H. Clark
God is here, and in this place you find your peace. Here find comfort; here find grace, and safety in community, for all are welcome in this place.

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

*The Opening Hymn No. 212 *O Jesus Christ, May Grateful Hymns*
CHARTERHOUSE

Listening for God in Word, Music, and Prayer

The Children's Message Ann Aro
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 *Give Me Jesus*
African American Spiritual
Arr. Tom Fettke

The Psalter *Psalms 32*
Rev. Dr. Deborah Chandler



The Pastoral Prayer Rev. Hankamer

*The Hymn (See insert) *We Plant a Grain of Mustard Seed*
BROTHER JAMES' AIR

*The Gospel Acclamation D.H. Clark
*Our bodies, souls, and minds need your word as we journey in the wilderness.
Glory be to you, O Christ.*

*The Gospel Reading Matthew 13:31-32; John 2:1-11
One: The Gospel of the Lord.
Many: Thanks be to God.
Choir *Manna to sustain us. Praise be to you, O Christ.*

The Sermon ***The Good News Is...All Are Invited***
Rev. Hankamer

The Anthem *All Are Welcome in this Place*
Marty Haugen
arr. D.H. Clark

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions. Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as witness, and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus. Banquet hall on holy ground, peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus is revealed in time and space as we share in Christ the feast that frees us. All are welcome in this place.

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.*