

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

November 27, 2022

First Sunday in Advent

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP — based on Isaiah 40:3
Leader: A voice cries:
People: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.”
Leader: As we worship today,
People: let us prepare to welcome God’s dramatic work in our midst, in our hearts, in our community, and in all of creation.
Leader: Let us worship God.

***OPENING HYMN #240** Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

***OPENING PRAYER**

***PRAISE SONG** As It Is in Heaven

GUIDED PRAYER

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** — From 1 Peter 1:10-12
We believe that, concerning our salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be ours searched and inquired carefully, inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but us, in the things that have now been announced to us through those who preached the good news to us by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

ANTHEM Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord
by Karin Thomas Shovic

FOR OUR GUESTS:

WELCOME TO

NORTHMINSTER EVANGELICAL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We are glad you are here. We hope the information listed on these pages will help you choose your next steps in connecting at Northminster. If you need help finding anything or have questions, just ask an usher or the pastor. To learn more about activities here, please pick up our newsletter from the rack in the hallway or foyer table. You can also learn more about us on our website: www.npcmh.com, and on Facebook: www.facebook.com/npcmh

CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK

Today, November 27:
9:45 am – Sunday School for all ages
11:00 am – Worship

Tuesday, November 29:
12:00 pm – Lynchburg Daily Bread Meal Distribution

Wednesday, November 30:
12:00 pm – Weekly Prayer (Sanctuary)
7:00 pm – Choir Practice

Saturday, December 3:
9:00 am – Hanging of the Greens

Next Sunday, December 4:
9:45 am – Sunday School for all ages
11:00 am – Worship
6:30 pm – Youth Group

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children are welcomed in the service. A nursery is provided for infants – 4 years. Others needing childcare may leave worship after the ANTHEM.

HANGING OF THE GREENS – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 @ 9 am
Every Christmas season, we meet to decorate the church building with lights, greens, and Chrismons to help us celebrate the season of Advent. We hope you'll join us from 9-11 a.m. since “many hands make light work”!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 9:45 am
Pastor David is teaching a series on the book of Mark. Please join us as we explore this powerful gospel.

YOUTH GROUP – DOES NOT MEET TONIGHT
There will be no meeting due to the Thanksgiving holiday. See you next week!

WEDNESDAY PRAYER – WEDNESDAYS @ Noon
Please join us on Wednesdays at noon for a time of prayer in the sanctuary as we bring our needs before our loving God.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS
The deadline to order Christmas Poinsettias has been extended through Sunday, December 11. Each Poinsettia costs \$6. If you would like to place an order, please sign your name on the bulletin board list and fill out the form provided for payment. Turn in the form with payment in the offering plate or the office no later than December 11.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORSHIPING GOD WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory
*Offertory Response –
O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ, the Lord.
*Prayer of Dedication

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Mark 1:1-8
Pastor: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: PREPARING THE WAY
SERIES: CHRISTMAS TRADITION
The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'
— Mark 1:3

*CLOSING HYMN #133 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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ELDERS Pastor, David Garrison
Ron Reyburn, Bob Mills, Director of Music
John Lange, Liz Boothe, Organist
Sharon Bryant, Judy Reyburn, Sharon Bryant, Sunday School Superintendent
Maggie Brockman, Kristin Kidd, Treasurer

SERMON NOTES, November 27
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¹ The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

² As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way,

³ the voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

⁴ John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”