

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 18, 2022

Fourth Sunday in Advent

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

Liturgist: Maggie Brockman

#### CALL TO WORSHIP — based on Psalm 126

Leader: The Lord has done great things for us!

**People: And we are filled with joy!**

Leader: Our God has turned our weeping into singing,

**People: our tears into songs of joy!**

Leader: O Christ of God, come anew in our hearts this day,

**People: and remain in us forever.**

#### \*OPENING CAROL #159

Sing We Now of Christmas

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

#### \*ADVENT HYMN #170

It Came Upon The Midnight Clear

#### GUIDED PRAYER

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — Westminster Larger Catechism Q. 31 & 32

Leader: With whom was the covenant of grace made?

**People: The covenant of grace was made with Christ as the second Adam and through him with all the elect as his seed.**

Leader: How is God's grace revealed in the second covenant?

**People: His grace is revealed in the second covenant by God freely providing and making available to sinners a mediator and through him life and salvation. God uses faith as the only way for sinners to become united to him; he promises and gives his Holy Spirit to all his elect in order to bring about this faith in them along with all the other saving graces and in order to make it possible for them to be holy and obedient, as proof of the truth of their faith and thankfulness to God and as the way he has established for them to be saved. Amen.**

#### LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

#### ANTHEM

Angels We Have Heard on High  
Arr. by Timothy A. Mills

## 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](http://www.npcmh.com), and on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/npcmh](https://www.facebook.com/npcmh)

### CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK

#### Today, December 18:

**9:45 am** – Sunday School for all ages

**11:00 am** – Worship

**12:00 pm** – Congregational Meeting

**4:00 pm** – Christmas Caroling

**6:30 pm** – Youth Group Christmas Party

#### Tuesday, December 20:

**12:00 pm** – Lynchburg Daily Bread Meal Distribution

#### Wednesday, December 21:

**12:00 pm** – Weekly Prayer (Sanctuary)

**7:00 pm** – Choir Practice

#### Saturday, December 24:

**7:00 pm** – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

#### Next Sunday, December 25:

*\*\*No Sunday School*

**11:00 am** – Worship



## 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.

#### 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.

#### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – TODAY DEC. 18 AFTER WORSHIP

The Session has called a congregational meeting for next Sunday, December 18 following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to elect elder-nominees Michael Henderson and Anne Wilkins, to share the 2023 operating budget, and approve the pastor's terms of call. Copies of the 2023 budget and pastor's terms of call are available on the table outside the Sanctuary.

#### CHRISTMAS CAROLING – TODAY, DECEMBER 18 from 4-6:30 pm

Join us for our annual tradition of going caroling to our home-bound members. We'll meet at the church and carpool together as we enjoy fellowship and make a joyful noise singing our favorite Christmas tunes. This is a great opportunity for folks of all ages to come together as we spread some Christmas cheer!

#### YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY – TONIGHT @ 6:30 pm

Join us for Christmas caroling at 4:00, and stay for our Christmas party. We'll enjoy Christmas games and food and look at, "Jesus shows up in the middle of the mess." All youth grades 6-12 are invited to join us.

#### 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 DAY WORSHIP SERVICE – 11:00 a.m.

What a privilege to celebrate the birth of our Savior by coming into His house to worship and adore Him. We will not have Sunday school on Christmas day, only the 11:00 service.

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 96  
*Pastor: The Word of the Lord*  
*People: Thanks be to God*

SERMON: SING A NEW SONG  
SERIES: CHRISTMAS TRADITION  
*Sing to the LORD, bless his name;*  
*tell of his salvation from day to day. — Psalm 96:2*

\*CLOSING HYMN #168 On Christmas Night All Christians Sing

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

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<b>ELDERS</b> Ron Reyburn, John Lange, Liz Boothe Sharon Bryant, Judy Reyburn Maggie Brockman	<i>Pastor, David Garrison</i>  <b>Bob Mills, Director of Music</b> <b>Liz Boothe, Organist</b> <b>Sharon Bryant, Sunday School Superintendent</b> <b>Kristin Kidd, Treasurer</b>
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SERMON NOTES, December 18  
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**96** Oh sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all the earth!  
<sup>2</sup> Sing to the LORD, bless his name;  
tell of his salvation from day to day.  
<sup>3</sup> Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous works among all the peoples!  
<sup>4</sup> For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;  
he is to be feared above all gods.  
<sup>5</sup> For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,  
but the LORD made the heavens.  
<sup>6</sup> Splendor and majesty are before him;  
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.  
  
<sup>7</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!  
<sup>8</sup> Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
bring an offering, and come into his courts!  
<sup>9</sup> Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;  
tremble before him, all the earth!  
  
<sup>10</sup> Say among the nations, “The LORD reigns!  
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity.”  
  
<sup>11</sup> Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;  
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
<sup>12</sup> let the field exult, and everything in it!  
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy  
<sup>13</sup> before the LORD, for he comes,  
for he comes to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world in righteousness,  
and the peoples in his faithfulness.