

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 25, 2022

Christmas Day

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Liturgist: John Lange

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: All God's people—Boys and girls, women, men:

People: Come and worship!

Leader: Shepherds, Magi, saints, and angels:

People: Come and worship! Come and worship!

Leader: All who need the Savior, all who long for comfort:

**People: Come and worship, come and worship Christ,
the newborn King!**

*OPENING CAROL #173

O Come All Ye Faithful

*OPENING PRAYER

*CAROL #157

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

GUIDED PRAYER

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — Colossians 1:15-20

We believe that Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. Amen.

ANTHEM

See, Amid the Winter's Snow
By Edward Caswall

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, December 25:

11:00 am – Worship

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

Next Sunday, January 1:

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES IN JANUARY 2023

Sunday School will not be meeting on Christmas or New Years Sundays. We'll resume our study of the Gospel of Mark on Sunday, January 8, 2023. If you'd like to join the class, feel free to drop in any time!

YOUTH GROUP RETURNS IN JANUARY 2023

There will be no youth group tonight or next Sunday, New Year's Day. We look forward to seeing you on January 15, 2023!

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.

NEW YEAR'S DAY WORSHIP SERVICE – 11:00 a.m.

Welcome the new year with worship and joy as we begin the first day of 2023 in God's house, thanking Him for all He has done. There will be no Sunday school, only the worship service.

See Amid The Winter's Snow

See Amid The Winter's Snow,
Born For Us On Earth Below,
See The Tender Lamb Appears,
Promised From Eternal Years.

Sacred Infant, All Divine,
What A Tender Love Was Thine,
Thus To Come From Highest Bliss
Down To Such A World As This.

Teach, Oh Teach Us , Holy Child,
By Thy Face So Meek And Mild,
Teach Us To Resemble Thee,
In Thy Sweet Humility!

~ Excerpted from hymn by Edward Caswall

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: Hebrews 2:10-18

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: WHAT'S IN THE BOX?

SERIES: CHRISTMAS TRADITION

Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.
— Hebrews 2:17

***CLOSING HYMN #151** Go Tell It on The Mountain

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

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Pastor, David Garrison

ELDERS
Ron Reyburn,
John Lange, Liz Boothe
Sharon Bryant, Judy Reyburn
Maggie Brockman

Bob Mills, Director of Music
Liz Boothe, Organist
Sharon Bryant, Sunday School Superintendent
Kristin Kidd, Treasurer

SERMON NOTES, December 25

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¹⁰ For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. ¹¹ For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source.^[a] That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers,^[b] ¹² saying, "I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise."

¹³ And again, "I will put my trust in him."

And again, "Behold, I and the children God has given me."

¹⁴ Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. ¹⁶ For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

— Hebrews 2:10-18