

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 1, 2022

New Year's Day

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

Liturgist: John Lange

#### CALL TO WORSHIP – from Psalm 128:1-2

Leader: Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord;

**People: who walks in his ways!**

Leader: You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands;

**People: you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you.**

#### \*OPENING CAROL #146

Joy to the World

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

#### \*CAROL #185

Angels From the Realms of Glory

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God: As we gather for worship to start this new year, remind us yet again that you have given us new life. Remind us that, by your grace, you have restored our right relationship with you and with each other. Remind us that you've called us to follow the light, even from places where it's hard to see the road ahead. Forgive us for the times we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. Restore to us the joy of our salvation. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who

## 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, January 1:

**11:00 am** – Worship

#### Tuesday, January 3:

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

#### Wednesday, January 4:

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

**7:00 pm** – Choir Practice

#### Next Sunday, January 8:

**9:45 am** – 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.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES IN JANUARY 2023

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. 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.



Mark your calendars!

*Undecorating of the Church*

*Saturday, January 14 from 9 a.m. – noon*

*Please Join Us!*

with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

ANTHEM  
He Is Born the Divine Christ Child  
Traditional French Carol

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: John 9:1-7  
Pastor: The Word of the Lord  
People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: FOLLOWING THE LIGHT  
As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. — John 9:5

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION  
Words of Introduction, Invitation, Institution  
Partaking of the Communion Elements  
Closing

\*CLOSING HYMN #174 We Three Kings

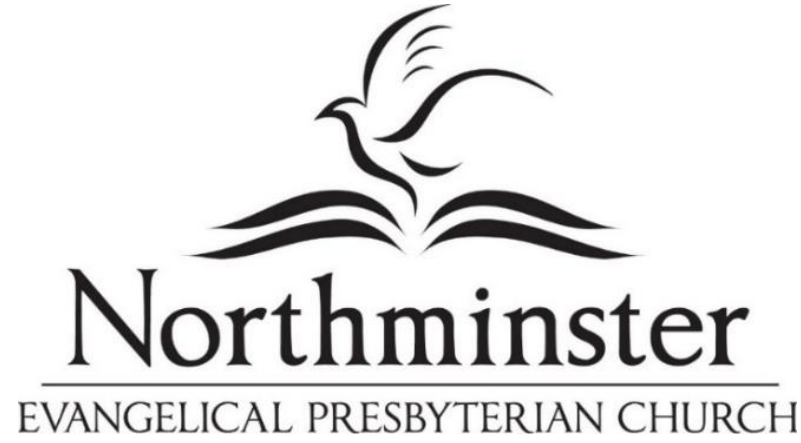
\*BENEDICTION

\*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, January 1  
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Experiencing and sharing God's love  
to transform our homes, community and world.

9 As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” 3 Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. 4 We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” 6 Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud 7 and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

— John 9:1-7