

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 8, 2022

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Liturgist: Anne Wilkins

**CALL TO WORSHIP** – Psalm 29:2-4  
Leader: Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name,  
**People: worship the LORD in holy splendor.**  
Leader: The voice of the LORD is over the waters;  
**People: the God of glory thunders, the LORD,**  
**over mighty waters.**  
Leader: The voice of the LORD is powerful;  
**People: the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

**\*OPENING HYMN #22** Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**\*PRAISE SONG** Jesus, I Come

**GUIDED PRAYER**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** — Titus 3:4-7  
**We believe that when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** Hosanna in the Highest  
by Franz Liszt.  
Played by Bob Mills

**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.**

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 8:**  
**9:45 am** – Sunday School  
**11:00 am** – Worship
- Monday, January 9:**  
**7:00 pm** – Habitat for Humanity
- Tuesday, January 10:**  
**12:00 pm** – Lynchburg Daily Bread Meal Distribution
- Wednesday, January 11:**  
**12:00 pm** – Weekly Prayer (Sanctuary)  
**7:00 pm** – Choir Practice
- Thursday, January 12:**  
**1:30 pm** – Session Meeting
- Saturday, January 14:**  
**9:00 am** – Taking Down the Greens
- Next Sunday, January 15:**  
**9:45 am** – Sunday School  
**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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
We resume our study of the Gospel of Mark this morning with Pastor David. 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.

**TAKING DOWN THE GREENS – SATURDAY, JAN. 15 @ 9 am**  
We need your help! Please come this Saturday to help us take down and put away the Christmas decorations for another year. Although it's not as much fun as putting them up, we would greatly appreciate your help for this important task. Join us at 9 am; we plan to be done by noon, although it could be earlier if we have enough help.



**Mark your calendars!**  
*Saturday, January 14 from 9 a.m. – noon*  
*Please Join Us!*

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: Isaiah 43:16-21  
NEW TESTAMENT READING: Mark 1:1-13  
Pastor: The Word of the Lord  
People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: INTO THE WILDERNESS  
SERIES: THE PRESENT FUTURE  
See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up;  
do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert  
and streams in the wasteland. — Isaiah 43:19

\*CLOSING HYMN #733 We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

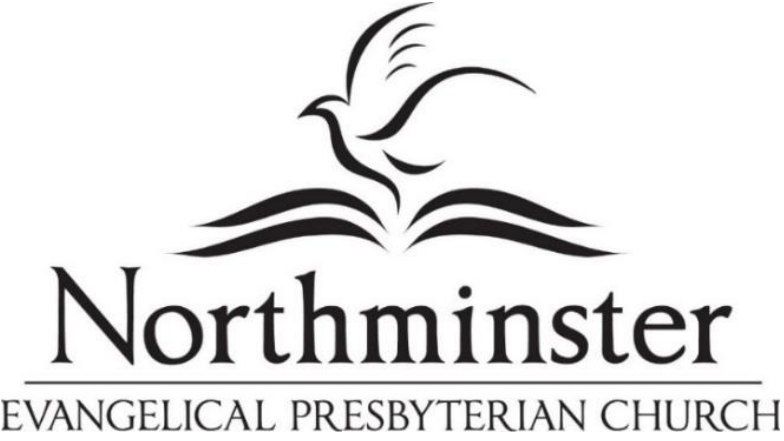
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\*POSTLUDE

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ELDERS Pastor, David Garrison  
Ron Reyburn (Clerk of Session), Bob Mills, Director of Music  
John Lange, Liz Boothe Sharon Bryant, Sunday School  
Sharon Bryant, Judy Reyburn Superintendent  
Barbara Baker & Kristin Kidd, Treasurers

SERMON NOTES, January 8  
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Experiencing and sharing God's love  
to transform our homes, community and world.

16 Thus says the LORD,  
who makes a way in the sea,  
a path in the mighty waters,  
17 who brings forth chariot and horse,  
army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise,  
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
18 “Remember not the former things,  
nor consider the things of old.  
19 Behold, I am doing a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.  
20 The wild beasts will honor me,  
the jackals and the ostriches,  
for I give water in the wilderness,  
rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
21 the people whom I formed for myself  
that they might declare my praise.  
– Isaiah 43:16-21