

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 15, 2022

Second Sunday of Epiphany

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Liturgist: Sharon Bryant

CALL TO WORSHIP — based on Isaiah 60

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come!

People: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Leader: Let us praise the Lord together.

People: The sun shall no longer be our light by day, nor will the brightness of the moon shine on us,

Leader: for the Lord will be our light, and our God will be our glory.

People: The Lord will be our everlasting light, and our days of sorrow will end.

Leader: Come, let us sing to our light and salvation!

*OPENING HYMN #212

What Wondrous Love Is This

*OPENING PRAYER

*PRAISE SONG

Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

GUIDED PRAYER

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — Titus 2:11-14

We believe that the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works. Amen.

ANTHEM

Love Lifted Me

Text by James Rowe; music by Howard E. Smith

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

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, January 15:

9:45 am – Sunday School

11:00 am – Worship

Tuesday, January 17:

12:00 pm – Lynchburg Daily Bread Meal Distribution

Wednesday, January 18:

8:30 am – Gleaning for the World

12:00 pm – Weekly Prayer (Sanctuary)

2:30 pm – Worship Committee Meeting

7:00 pm – Choir Practice

Thursday, January 19:

10:00 am – Women's Book Club

Next Sunday, January 22:

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 @ 9:45 am

We are continuing our study of the Gospel of Mark with Pastor David. If you'd like to join the class, feel free to drop in any time!

YOUTH GROUP RETURNS NEXT SUNDAY @ 6:30 pm

Youth group, for students in grades 6-12, will resume NEXT SUNDAY at 6:30. We'll be looking at pro tips from the book of Proverbs. Our kickoff topic is "Wisdom is the one thing that makes you better at everything." We hope to see you!

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.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB – THURSDAY January 19 @ 10:00 am

The Women's Book Club will meet at Barbara Baker's home on January 19 at 10 a.m. They are reading *The Perfect Love Song* by Patti Callahan Henry. Christmas may be over, but why not enjoy Christmas in January with this book about love, a special song, and a Christmas miracle? All women are welcome!

GLEANNING FOR THE WORLD – WEDNESDAY @ 8:30 am

Please join us in the parking lot of the church for carpooling. We will return to the church around 11:30 am.

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 –

For the life that you have given,
For the love in Christ made known,
With these fruits of time and labor,
With these gifts that are your own:
Here we offer Lord our praises;
Heart and mind and strength we bring;
Give us grace to love and serve you,
Living what we pray and sing.

*Prayer of Dedication

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Revelation 2:1-7

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: FIRST LOVE FIRST

SERIES: THE PRESENT FUTURE

“But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first.” — Revelation 2:4

*CLOSING HYMN #498 I Love to Tell the Story

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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Barbara Baker & Kristin Kidd,
Treasurers

SERMON NOTES, January 15

NEW TESTAMENT READING:

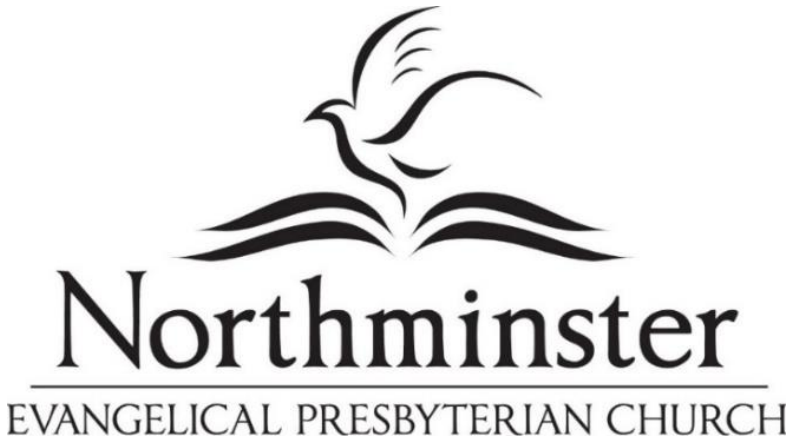
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*Experiencing and sharing God's love
to transform our homes, community and world.*

2 “To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: ‘The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands.

2 “I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. **3**I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary. **4**But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. **5**Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. **6**Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. **7**He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.’

— Revelation 2:1-7