

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

November 28, 2021

The First Sunday in Advent

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Liturgist, Maggie Brockman

CALL TO WORSHIP — based on Psalm 85:7-13

Leader: Show us your unfailing love, O God, our Savior,

People: and grant us your salvation.

Leader: Listen to what the Lord our God says:

**People: He promises peace to his people,
who are his beloved saints.**

Leader: The Lord will indeed give what is good.

**People: Righteousness goes before him
and prepares the way for his steps.**

Leader: May the Lord make his holy face to shine upon us
in this time of Advent worship.

People: May we see God's face and so know peace.

*OPENING HYMN #353

For The Beauty Of The Earth

*OPENING PRAYER

*SONG

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

GUIDED PRAYER

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — Romans 8:9-11

We believe that those whose faith is in Jesus Christ are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in them. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in us, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in us, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to our mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in us. 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, and on Facebook: www.facebook.com/npcmh.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 28

Today:

9:45 am – Adult Sunday School

11 am – Worship

6:30 pm – Sunday Night Live (Grades 4-12)

Tuesday, November 30:

12 pm - Lynchburg Daily Bread Meal Distribution

Wednesday, December 1:

10 am – Pastor's Midweek Bible Study

7 pm – Choir Practice

Sunday, December 5 (Second Sunday in Advent):

9:45 am – Adult Sunday School

11 am – Worship

6:30 pm – Sunday Night Live (Grades 4-12)

Tuesday, December 7:

12 pm - Lynchburg Daily Bread Meal Distribution

Wednesday, December 8:

10 am – Pastor's Midweek Bible Study

7 pm – Choir Practice

Thursday, December 9:

10 am – Women's Book Club

6:30 pm – Session

Sunday, December 12 (Third Sunday in Advent):

9:45 am – Adult Sunday School

11 am – Worship

6:30 pm – Sunday Night Live (Grades 4-12)

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.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB – THURSDAY DEC. 9 @ 10:00 AM

The Women's Book Club will meet December 9, at 10 am at Vonnie Rucker's home. They will discuss THE CHRISTMAS TRAIN. This lighthearted book was also a Hallmark movie. Although predictable, it will warm your heart and get you into the Christmas spirit – if you are not already. The “Cookie Exchange” originally scheduled for this date, has been postponed. Please let Vonnie know if you will attend.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FOR JESUS – SUNDAY, DEC. 19

Join us after worship on Sunday December 19 as we celebrate Jesus' birthday together! Bring your favorite cookies or dessert to share. We'll have an Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest, so be sure to wear your ugliest Christmas sweater to church that morning. We look forward to celebrating with you and seeing what sweaters you have!

CHRISTMAS CHEER BOX COLLECTION – NOVEMBER

November is dried goods month- canned meat and cereal. If you would like to contribute to the Community Christmas Cheer Boxes, there will be a bin by the front door for your contribution.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us in the Fellowship Hall from 9:45-10:45 as we explore God's Word together and are encouraged in our walk with the Lord. We're looking forward to seeing you then!

PASTOR'S MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY - WEDNESDAY @ 10:30 AM

Join us in person or online for a midweek bible study with Pastor David! We are currently working through the Book of Hebrews, with a focus on learning to study the Bible ourselves and apply it to our daily lives. We look forward to seeing you there!

ELDERS AVAILABLE FOR PRAYER FOLLOWING WORSHIP

In James 5:13-14 we read, *"Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord."* Each Sunday, two elders will be available in the New Song room following worship for anyone who needs or would like prayer.

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE Garrison Family

ANTHEM “A Light Shall Shine” Lloyd Larson

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
*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 11:1-10
NEW TESTAMENT READING: Romans 15:8-13
 Pastor: The Word of the Lord
 People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: **“Hope From A Stump”**
 SERIES: O COME, EMMANUEL
 *“There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
 and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.” — Isaiah 11:1*

*CLOSING HYMN #132 Comfort, Comfort Now My People

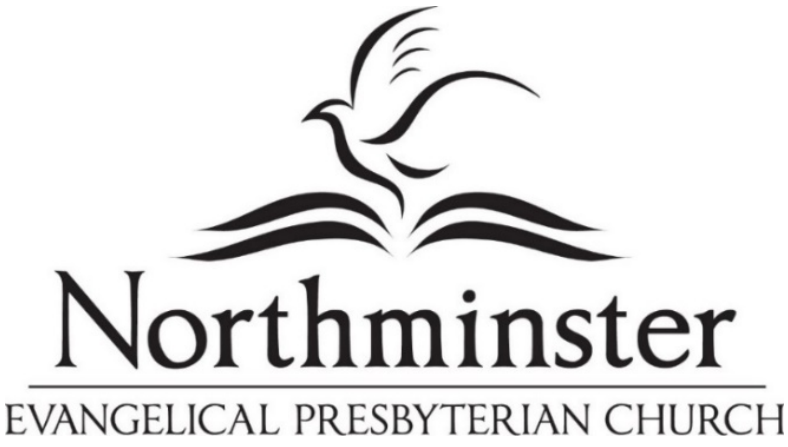
*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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ELDERS **Pastor, David Garrison**
Ron Reyburn, **Bob Mills, Director of Music**
John Lange, George Brine, **Liz Boothe, Organist**
Sharon Bryant, Judy Reyburn, **Sharon Bryant, Sunday School**
Michael Babcock, **Superintendent**
Maggie Brockman **Vonnie Rucker, Treasurer**

SERMON NOTES, November 28
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*Experiencing and sharing God's love
to transform our homes, community and world.*

- ¹ There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
² And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
³ And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,
⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.
- ⁶ The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.
⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder’s den.
⁹ They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.
¹⁰ In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the
peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall
be glorious.