

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 2, 2022 The Second Sunday of Christmas

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Liturgist, Judy Reyburn

CALL TO WORSHIP — based on Psalm 119
Leader: Your word is a lamp to my feet
People: And a light to my path
Leader: I have stored up your word in my heart,
People: That I might not sin against you.
Leader: Forever, O Lord, your word is firmly fixed
in the heavens.
People: Your faithfulness endures to all generations.

***OPENING CAROL #152** Angels We Have Heard On High

***OPENING PRAYER**

***CAROL #171** Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)
Almighty God: How easily we set our hearts on our desires. How often we speak our words instead of listening to yours. How many times we have foolishly tried to build on the shifting sands of human preference and opinion rather than ground our work on the rock of your Word. For these and other sins, O Lord, forgive us. Help us hear your words then do what you say. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — EPC Essentials**
All Scripture is self-attesting and being Truth, requires our unreserved submission in all areas of life. The infallible Word of God, the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments, is a complete and unified witness to God's redemptive acts culminating in the incarnation of the Living Word, the Lord Jesus Christ. The Bible, uniquely and fully inspired by the Holy Spirit, is the supreme and final authority on all matters on which it speaks. On this sure foundation we affirm these Essentials. 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 JANUARY 2

Today:
9:45 am – Adult Sunday School
11 am – Worship

Tuesday, January 4:
12 pm - Lynchburg Daily Bread Meal Distribution

Wednesday, January 5:
10 am – Pastor's Midweek Bible Study
7 pm – Choir Practice

Sunday, January 9:
9:45 am – Adult Sunday School
11 am – Worship
6:30 pm – Sunday Night Live (Grades 4-12)

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children are welcome 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 January 13 @ 10:00 AM
The Women's Book Club will meet in the New Year at Sherry Meng's home on January 13 at 10 a.m. They are reading Fast Girls by Elise Hooper. No worries, these fast girls were the 1936 Olympic track stars in a time when females were not even accepted in the track and field category. This historical fiction touches on many social issues of this time in the USA; and even the potential boycott of the Berlin Olympics in 1936 due to their discrimination toward athletes of Jewish heritage.

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE RESUMES SUNDAY, JANUARY 9
All students in grades 4-12 are invited to join us at 6:30pm on Sunday, January 9 as a new series, Counterfeit, at SNL begins. From off-brand cereals to knock-off luxury items, we know that anything of value probably has a counterfeit version floating around out there. The same is true for our faith. Maybe copying the behaviors of other believers was a great place to start your faith journey (we all start somewhere), but how can we move beyond copying Christians to actually following Jesus? How do we make our faith our own? The difference between a counterfeit faith and an authentic faith is growth and heart change. And we'll discover that God can use just about anything to help us grow a faith of our own. See you there!

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. The Pastor's Midweek Bible Study will resume on January 5.

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.

ANTHEM "O Word of God Incarnate" Mendelssohn

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: Psalm 19:7-11, pg. 858

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Matthew 7:24-28, pg. 1506

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: *“On This Sure Foundation”*

SERIES: ESSENTIALS

"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock." — Matthew 7:24

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Introduction, Invitation, Institution

Partaking of the Communion Elements

Closing

***CLOSING HYMN #574** Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

***BENEDICTION**

*POSTLUDE

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Pastor, David Garrison

ELDERS

**Ron Reyburn,
John Lange, Maggie Brockman
Sharon Bryant, Judy Reyburn**

Bob Mills, *Director of Music*

Liz Boothe, *Organist*

Sharon Bryant, *Sunday School*

Superintendent

Vonnie Rucker, *Treasurer*

SERMON NOTES, January 2


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

7 The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure,
making wise the simple;
8 the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is pure,
enlightening the eyes;
9 the fear of the LORD is clean,
enduring forever;
the rules of the LORD are true,
and righteous altogether.
10 More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.
11 Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

Psalm 19:7-11 (ESV)

24 "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. **25** And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. **26** And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. **27** And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it."

Matthew 7:24-35 (ESV)