

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 9, 2022

The First Sunday in Epiphany

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

Liturgist, John Lange

**CALL TO WORSHIP** — based on Psalm 19:1-4

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

**People: Day to day pours forth speech,  
and night to night declares knowledge.**

Leader: There is no speech, nor are there words;  
their voice is not heard;

**People: yet their voice goes out through all the earth,  
and their words to the end of the world.**

Leader: The glory of God echoes throughout the world.

**People: Let us praise the name of the Lord.**

#### \*OPENING HYMN #77

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

#### \*Hymn #44

Great Is The Lord

#### GUIDED PRAYER

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — Essentials of the Faith 1

**We believe in one God, the sovereign Creator and  
Sustainer of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally  
existing in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
To Him be all honor, glory and praise forever! Amen.**

#### ANTHEM

"Holy Is He"

David T. Clydesdale

## 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 WEEK OF JANUARY 9

#### Today:

**9:45 am** – Adult Sunday School

**11 am** – Worship

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

#### Tuesday, January 11:

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

#### Wednesday, January 12:

**10 am** – Pastor's Midweek Bible Study

**7 pm** – Choir Practice

#### Thursday, January 13:

**10 am** – Women's Book Club (@ Mengs)

**6:30 pm** – Session

#### Saturday, January 15:

**10 am** – Undeck The Halls - removing Christmas decorations.

#### Sunday, January 16:

**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.

### 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!

### WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB – THURSDAY January 13 @ 10:00 AM

The Women's Book Club will meet 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.

### 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 are currently studying 1 Peter. We're looking forward to seeing you then!

### PASTOR'S MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY - WEDNESDAYS @ 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 outline notes (for chapter 11) are available in the Fellowship Hall.

### 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.

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 – “My Tribute”  
To God be the glory,  
to God be the glory, to God be the glory  
for the things he has done.  
With his blood he has saved me,  
with his power he has raised me;  
To God be the glory for the things he has done.

\*Prayer of Dedication

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Job 38:1-7, pg. 835  
NEW TESTAMENT READING: Acts 17:22-31, pg. 1724  
Pastor: The Word of the Lord  
People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: “The God Who Is”  
SERIES: ESSENTIALS  
And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. — Hebrews 11:6

\*CLOSING HYMN #60 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

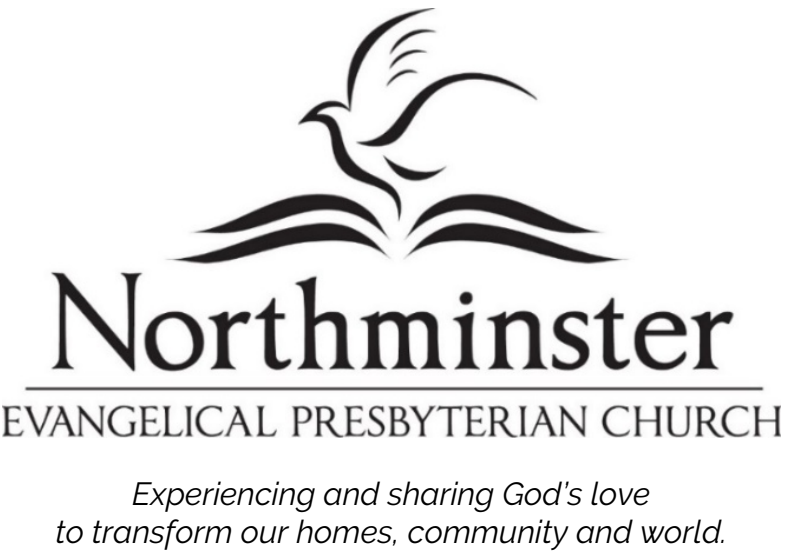
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\*POSTLUDE

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

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<sup>22</sup> So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup> For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. <sup>26</sup> And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, <sup>27</sup> that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, <sup>28</sup> for

“‘In him we live and move and have our being’;

as even some of your own poets have said,

“‘For we are indeed his offspring.’

<sup>29</sup> Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. <sup>30</sup> The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”