

Northminster Church

November 27, 2022

Welcome and Announcements

Sara Potts

Voluntary

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"
by Ralph Vaughn Williams

P.Y.R.E.

Call to Worship - from Psalm 95:1-7 (NRSV)

Tana Weingartner

O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

We come into his presence with thanksgiving, making joyful noise with songs of praise!

For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth;

the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea

is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Prayer of Adoration 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.

Hymn #82

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Greg Kennedy

Holy and merciful God, you alone know the state of our souls and in you alone is found grace and mercy. So, it is in your presence that we confess our sinfulness and shortcomings. We are dismayed by our waywardness, but lifted up by your promise of new life. We yearn to live with your hope and walk in your strength. We pray this in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Doxology #606

Passing the Peace

"the peace of Christ be with you . . . **and also with you.**"

Hymn #93 (vs. 1 & 2) *"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"*

Scripture

Matthew 2:9-11

Tana Weingartner

Choir Anthem

Veni, Veni Emmanuel" - Leavitt
(O Come, O Come, Emmanuel)

Sanctuary Choir

Message

Live the Story: The First Baby Shower?

Greg Kennedy

Affirmation of Faith

Galatians 4:4-8

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So we are no longer slaves but his children, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Hymn #133

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Charge and Benediction

**Go forth into God's world in peace;
be of good courage;
hold fast to what is good;
Return to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted;
support the weak; help the afflicted;
honor all people; love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

Postlude

Toccata on "*Hyfrydol*"
by C. Pardini

Karen Balogh
CCL#378425

The **Second Mile Offering for December** is for Prison Fellowship's **Angel Tree**

ATTENTION: The Boychoir Concert on Saturday, December 3 has been cancelled!

TODAY the Prison Ministry's **ANGEL TREE** is in the Commons. (The angels contain names of children who have a parent that is incarcerated.) You are invited to take an Angel off the tree, purchase a gift and return it wrapped by December 11.

It's time to order your Poinsettia to decorate the Sanctuary on Sunday, December 18 and Christmas Eve. The cost is \$11.00. To order go online to <https://poinsettias.paperform.co/> or contact Susan Smith at ssmith@northminsterchurch.org. or 513-931-0243. You can choose to take the plant after the Christmas Eve service or let the Deacons deliver it to a homebound member or friend of the church.

STOCK DONATIONS: In order to receive credit for your stock contributions towards your 2022 Giving Statement, the transaction must be completed by **Monday, November 28**.

Annual Mission Project of writing Holiday Cards for deployed US Troops & Veterans. Cards (without envelopes) are available in the Commons. Just add your personal message and return the cards to church. We'll do the rest! **The deadline to return the cards is Sunday, December 4.**

Northminster Tree Lighting: Join us **Saturday, December 4** in The Well at 4:30 P.M. to enjoy family activities and holiday music from local groups, then stick around for the **BIG Tree Lighting** at 5:45 P.M. Don't worry—we will have plenty of hot chocolate to keep you warm while you enjoy the lights!

Join us for the **Annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 11** at 2:30 P.M. in the Sanctuary. Karen Balogh on the organ and Carolyn Miller on the piano will present a heartwarming concert to surely put you in the holiday spirit.

Rhoda Brumfield will be taking you through a **WHIRLWIND TOUR OF THE OLD TESTAMENT** telling the story of our people on Wednesday evenings at 7-8:30 P.M. (beginning on January 4 and ending on March 29). You will need to sign up online for the class at <https://northminsterchurch.org/events/> by Christmas so the materials can be ordered. The cost is \$15. Questions, give Rhoda a call at 513-616-9838.

JOURNEY TO HOPE

You will find details about all the groups offered at Journey to Hope at www.jtohope.eventbrite.com.

Prayer List for November 27, 2022

Joy

Baptized today in Modern Worship
Edison Joel Friesen
son of Leon and Jill Friesen

Dedicated today in Modern Worship
Remy Ray Friesen
son of Leon and Jill Friesen

Under the Care of Hospice

Mitzie Roediger *at Llanfair*
Conrad Burton *(father-in-law of Larry Sansoucie) at Twin Towers*

Remember to contact the Church Office

(931-0243 or office@northminsterchurch.org) of hospitalizations.

Recuperating and Ongoing Treatments

Please call the office to update us on names of relatives & friends.

Judy Agostini *(cousin of Joan Lipps)*

Nikki Alexander *(friend of Mel Poole)*

John Algee *(friend of Dana Glasgo)*

Eric Aschinger *(friend of Diane Kinsella)*

Cheryl Burton *(wife of Larry Sansoucie)*

Darlene Carovillano *(aunt of Tony Trotta)*

Tom Collord *(son of Jean Collord)*

Than Cramer

Kathy Dolle

Susan Duggar *(daughter of Sally Braun)*

Tricia Geiser *(granddaughter of Nell Pasley)*

Jessica Grant *(daughter of Helen Haberstroh)*

Jennifer Habrych
(daughter-in-law of Lynda Caster)

John Kinsella *(husband of Diane Kinsella)*

Rick Krueger *(son of Howard Krueger)*

Ross Lanter *(son of a friend of Dana Glasgo)*

Ghidei Levatte *(grandmother of Irene Levatte)*

JoAnn & Mark Lozier *(friends of Mel Poole)*

Julia McGrath

Christine McNulty
(daughter-in-law of Jimmie McNulty)

Meredith Messer
(granddaughter of Jane Messer)

Amber Montgomery *(friend of Dana Glasgo)*

Paul Piening *(friend of Howard Krueger)*

Bob and Jo Ritzi

Bob and Ruth Sellers *(parents of Debbie Trotta)*

Harry Stone

Christy Varney
(daughter-in-law of Glenn and Pat Varney)

Kim Zimmerman *(friend of Dana Glasgo)*

Members in Care Facilities

Forest Hills Healthcare Center . . . Violet Sears

The Laurels of Milford Kathy Skaggs

Twin Lakes Mitch Bolton

Twin Towers Janet Sinks