

# Northminster Church

December 1, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

Katie Dashley and Daniel Meister

Voluntary

*"In Dulci Jbilo"* - Bach

Karen Balogh

Call to Worship *(from Psalm 27)*

Gary Tyler

The Lord is my light and my salvation;

**whom shall I fear?**

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

**of whom shall I be afraid?**

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

**Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage;**

**wait for the Lord!**

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Jenkins Family

Anthem

*"This Little Light of Mine"* - J. Raney

Sanctuary Choir  
and K.N.O.T. Club Kids

Prayer of Adoration and the 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 #93

*"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"*

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Jane Whalen

**Merciful God, we come to you now to confess our sins. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided. Although Christ is among us as our hope, we place our trust in the things of this world. Although Christ is among us as living love, we fail to love you with our whole hearts, and we fail to love our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy forgive us. Reconcile us to you through the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may walk into this Advent season knowing the hope, peace, joy, and love that come from you, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. 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 #82**      *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"* - verse 1

**Scripture**                      Isaiah 9:2 and Luke 2:25-32                      Gary Tyler

**Prayer of Dedication / Offering**

**Offertory**                      *"Echo Carol"* - arr. G. Martin                      Karen Balogh

**Introductory Video**

**Message**                      Living Hope                      Jane Whalen

**Affirmation of Faith** (*The Apostles' Creed*)

**I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen**

**Communion**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them to the Lord our God**

Let us give thanks to the Lord Our God

**It is right to give our thanks and praise**

**Hymn #366**      *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"* - verses 1, 3, 4

**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 *"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"* - arr. J. Payne

Karen Balogh  
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## NEWS OF THE CHURCH - December 1, 2024

Today's **Sanctuary Flowers** were given by Ryan and Rachel Lake, in memory of Charlie and Dolly Heitchew.

**December's Second Mile Offering** will go toward Prison Fellowship's **Angel Tree** for food and Christmas gifts for local children with parent(s) in prison or jail.

Bring joy to a child and help keep a parent and child connected through Prison Fellowship's **Angel Tree** program. Pick a tag off the Angel Tree in the Commons with a child's name and gift wish. Bring your wrapped gift to church by December 8th.

Tonight is our **Tree Lighting Celebration**. Family activities, music and hot chocolate start at 4:30 PM. At 5:45 we go outside for the big countdown to lighting up the tree! Each light is a spark of hope, a prayer, an expression of joy. All together we light up our community! ***It's not too late to invite someone to join you.***

We are taking orders for **Christmas Poinsettias** to decorate the church on December 15 - 24. You can take your poinsettia home after the Christmas Eve services or leave it to be delivered to a homebound member or friend of Northminster. Fill out an order form or use the Northminster App or Website. The cost is \$11.00.

**Our 17th Annual Christmas Concert is Next Sunday, December 8th, at 2:30 PM.** Pianist Carolyn Miller and organist Karen Balogh will present festive and

inspirational Christmas music to welcome the holidays!

**VITA** is looking for new **Tax Preparer Volunteers** to work at Northminster during the tax season. If you are interested or have questions, contact Dave Addison at 513-235-6589 or [addifam@fuse.net](mailto:addifam@fuse.net)

**Stories & Songs**, a modern, kid-friendly take on Lessons & Carols. **December 15th in Modern Worship.** The service is filled with Christmas music, an interactive message and engaging stories. Kids will stay in the service. The nursery will be open for younger children.

**Lessons & Carols**, a beautiful celebration of Christmas, **December 15th in Traditional Worship.** This timeless celebration combines scripture readings and sacred music, featuring our Sanctuary Choir, a 13-piece orchestra and handbell ensemble.

**Ushers for today:** Kenny Burck, Randy Hirtzel, Ted Barrett, Toby Tolson

## JOURNEY TO HOPE

For more information about the classes offered at Journey to Hope go to their website ([www.jtohope.org](http://www.jtohope.org))

- **Caregivers Support Group**  
Sunday, Dec. 1st | 1 - 2:30 PM
- **Chronic Pain Support Group**  
Monday, Dec. 2nd | 7 - 8:30 PM
- **Gratitude - The Journey to Joy**  
Thursday, Dec. 5th | 5 - 6 PM

## Prayer List for December 1, 2024

### Hospitalizations

Carol Notestine - Bethesda North

### Upcoming Hospitalizations

Maureen Loucks - surgery on December 10th at UC Hospital

### Hospice Care

Jim Frisa - at home

Nick Nicholson - The Lodge Nursing in Loveland

Anna Mae Pfeiffer (mother of Debbie Brandt) - at home

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.

**Judi Agostini** (*cousin of Joan Lipps*)

**Pam Benson**

(*sister of Denny Fennema*)

**Andrew Black**

(*son of Charlene Merriman*)

**Bruce Blocksom**

(*brother-in-law of  
Steve & Daina Dennis*)

**Bob Booker**

(*friend of Howard Krueger*)

**Cheryl Burton**

(*wife of Larry Sansoucie*)

**Noah Cassion**

(*son of Ashley and Claude Cassion*)

**Linda Collett** (*friend of Dana Glasgo*)

**Allyson DorrOUGH**

(*daughter of Nancy Horton*)

**Susan Duggar**

(*daughter of Sally Braun*)

**Steve Elliot**

(*friend of Jim Dickerson*)

**Chuck Grosser**

(*friend of Jim Dickerson*)

**Sandy Holzman**

**Rick Krueger**

(*son of Howard Krueger*)

**Laurie Laning**

**Ross Lanter**

(*son of a friend of Dana Glasgo*)

**Mark Macarthy**

(*brother of Maureen Loucks*)

**Chris Maniatty**

(*brother of Soteris Maniatty*)

**Tracy Molitors**

(*daughter of Nancy Horton*)

**Anna Parsons**

(*friend of Karen Friedhoff*)

**Paul Piening**

(*friend of Howard Krueger*)

**Roger Ravitz**

(*friend of Joan Reul*)

**Sandy Stanford Becker**

(*daughter of Pat Stanford*)

**Anne Stewart**

(*mother of Alicia Raleigh*)

**Shari Witt**

**Jeanne Walker**

(*sister-in-law of Charlene Merriman*)

## Members in Care Facilities

**Barrington** . . . . . Nancy Horton  
**Bridgeway Pointe** . . . . . Dave Hasler  
**Chesterwood** . . . . . Pat Varney  
**Sayre Christian Village** . . . . . Sally Stivender  
**Twin Lakes** . . . . . Mitch Bolton  
**Twin Towers** . . Ruth Shaw, Janet Sinks