

Northminster Church

January 12, 2025

Welcome and Announcements

Sara Potts and Daniel Meister

Voluntary

"See Amid the Winter's Snow" - arr. Robert Powell

Karen Balogh

Call to Worship (*from Isaiah 55 and Psalm 118*)

Beth Mizelle

Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters;

Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live.

Seek the Lord while he may be found

Call on him while he is near

For this is the day that the Lord has made

We will rejoice and be glad in it

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 #1

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Greg Kennedy

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be. That we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. In the strong name of Jesus, we pray. 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 #826

"Lift High the Cross" - verse 1

Prayer of Dedication / Offering

Choir Anthem “*We Gather at Your Table, Lord*” - arr. Walter Ehret

We Gather at Your Table, Lord. Grant peace and unity
In keeping with your will and word, May we one body be.
Now let us take the sacred bread. Our souls and bodies feed.
In heart and soul we shall be fed. Your holiday will to heed.
Now let us take the wine of heaven, for Christ whose blood was shed
That here we meet with sins forgiven, And by his grace are led.
To you, O Lord we sing our song. May we be one in love
For we by faith to you belong.
One with your church above!

Words by Wade Alexander Mansur

Introductory Video

Message

Far From Home

Greg Kennedy

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 #662

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

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

“In Thee is Joy” - Bach

Karen Balogh
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NEWS OF THE CHURCH - *January 12, 2025*

The Missions Committee is working on a church-wide communication about changes that will be happening in the **Second Mile Offering** program. For the month of January, an extra gift to missionary Laura Gates was made. An extensive article about the changes will be in the February Newsletter.

Voluntary Income Tax Assistance (VITA) through United Way, will begin January 29th, here at Northminster. This is a free service for tax preparation and filing. Appointments can be made with United Way, starting January 20th, by calling 211 or 513-721-7900.

Priority Registration for 2025-2026 Northminster's Preschool School is open from January 6 - 12 for current families and church members. Open Enrollment begins January 13 for new families. Visit our website at www.northminsterchurch/preschool or email Director Jenny Webb at jwebb@northminsterchurch.org.

Our **Annual Congregational Meeting** is Sunday, **January 26**, between the services in the Sanctuary, starting at 10:00 AM. We'll have financial reports on 2024 and 2025, plus vote on new terms of call for Pastor Greg.

Save the Date

Northminster's annual Fine Arts Fair on Saturday, February 1st, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, featuring high-quality visual arts from regional artists.

Volunteers will be needed and you will be able to sign up online, through the Northminster's website and app. Paper sign-up sheets will be available next Sunday.

K.N.O.T. Club will return with a four-week session; March 13th and 20th, take a week off, then April 3rd and 10th.

Hearing aids and large print bulletins, Bibles and Hymnals are available by asking an usher.

Ushers for today: Gary Lord, Don Bahr, Diana Gase, Ray and Sharon Bauman

JOURNEY TO HOPE

For more information about the classes offered at Journey to Hope go to their website (www.jtoh.org)

- **Caregivers Support Group**
Sunday, January 5th
3:30 - 5 PM
- **Chronic Pain Support Group**
Monday, January 6th
7:00 - 8:30 PM

Prayer List for January 12, 2025

Hospitalizations

Jan Golan - Mercy Fairfield Hospital

Edie Harper - Jewish 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)

Peggy Battistone

(friend of Leslie Flahaber)

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)

Edward Dodd

(friend of Gary Lord)

Bob Dolle

(former member)

Allyson Dorrrough

(daughter of Nancy Horton)

Susan Duggar

(daughter of Sally Braun)

Steve Elliot

(friend of Jim Dickerson)

Chuck Grosser

(friend of Jim Dickerson)

Rick Krueger

(son of Howard Krueger)

Sean Kenney

(son-in-law of Ted & Laurie Barrett)

Ross Lanter

(son of a friend of Dana Glasgo)

Mark Macarthy

(brother of Maureen Loucks)

Chris Maniatty

(brother of Soteris Maniatty)

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)

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