



# NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church (USA)

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## NURSERY

Infants through Age 3  
Room 116

## NORTHMINSTER KIDS

At NPC, we recognize kids as an important part of our church family! During Sunday morning worship, children are invited to our "Prayground" (*located front right in Sanctuary*) to engage in worship in a child-friendly way while participating in the full worship service. Family members are welcome to sit close by.

Children's worship materials are also available from the worship bag cart (narthex) for kids who prefer to sit with their families.

## STAFF

### Senior Pastor

*Rev. Patrick Day*

### Director of Children & Family Ministries

*Jennifer Filpi*

### Director of Youth & Young Adults

*Brian Ward*

### Director of Music

*Rick Gomez*

### Organist

*James Wingate*

### Communications & Operations Mgr

*Sasha Grant*

### Member Services | Business Mgr

*Brittany Burkhead*

## Wednesday Evening Worship

6:00 - 6:30 pm

In-Person | Live Stream

Join NPC for worship on Wednesday evenings. To view live stream, go to NPC website: "Online Worship" block.

## Sunday, August 06, 2023

**10:30 AM**

### Worship Service

*Communion Sunday  
Blessing of the Backpacks*

**11:30 AM**

### Back to School Popsicles



## NEXT SUNDAY: AUGUST 13

**10:30 AM**

### Worship Service

**11:30 AM**

### Fellowship Connections

Join us for coffee & donuts  
(Narthex)

**4:00PM**

### Back to School Splash

Bring a towel and chairs!  
(Church Grounds)

# SUNDAY WORSHIP

In-Person | Live Stream

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

**Liturgist:** Sue Farrell

**Special Music:** The Handbell Choir

**Chimes:** Hymns

**Organ Prelude**

**A Mighty Fortress is our God**

Pachelbel

## Welcome & Announcements

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: God meets us in our greatest need.

**All: And satisfies us with divine presence and provision.**

Leader: Let us live lives of gratitude for all God has done.

**All: Let us worship the Lord our God.**

### \*Opening Hymn

All Creatures of Our God and King  
#15 Glory to God

**LASST UNS ERFREUEN**

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

God of compassion, we are sick. We have wrestled all night with worry instead of resting in you. We have asserted our own goodness instead of awakening to yours. We have turned away those hungry for your help instead of trusting you and feeding them from your limitless supply of blessings. Forgive us, heal us, and help us to hold on to you. We call upon you, for you will answer us, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Declaration of Forgiveness

### \*Passing the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## Old Testament Lesson

**Isaiah 55:1-5**

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. <sup>2</sup> Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. <sup>3</sup> Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. <sup>4</sup> See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. <sup>5</sup> See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

**Children's Moment**

We invite all children forward for a special time together!  
(Students of all ages can come up to receive a blessing as we start the school year!)

**New Testament Lesson**

**Matthew 14:13-21**

<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup> When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. <sup>15</sup> When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." <sup>17</sup> They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." <sup>18</sup> And he said, "Bring them here to me." <sup>19</sup> Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup> And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. <sup>21</sup> And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

**Prayers of the People**

**Invitation to the Offering**

Support NPC Financially

- Place check or cash in offering plates during worship
- Text NPC to 73256
- Scan QR Code to give using a debit/credit card



Giving Card: If you give online, please place the laminated giving card in the plate as a symbol of your offering.

Prayer Card: If you have a prayer concern to share with the staff, please complete a prayer card and place it in the plate.

**\*Gloria Patri**

#581 Glory to God

**Glory be the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end, Amen, Amen.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Communion**

Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

## 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.

## Words of Institution

## Sharing of Communion

## Prayer after Communion

\*Closing Hymn      Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun      **DUKE STREET**  
#265 Glory to God

## \*Benediction

\*Doxology      #607 Glory to God  
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Christ, all people here below.  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore.  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

Organ Postlude      **The Heavens Above Declare God's Praise**      Scottish Psalter

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

“The Session wants to inform the congregation regarding our most recent activity on the search for an Interim Pastor. We have elected our committee. Per PC(USA) rules, this needs to be a committee of elders. The elders serving on this committee are Semmes Calvert, Ryan Burke, Chris Barker, Barry Ussery and Gwynne Shepherd. The committee has already had our first of many meetings with Presbytery and we are working through the process as quickly as possible while still paying attention to our needs as a congregation. Gwynne Shepherd has been elected Chair person of this committee. We are planning to schedule periodic updates to you by way of email and as a Minute for Mission.

We appreciate your support and prayers as move through this process of discernment.”

*Thank you for worshipping with us today.  
We hope you found our service meaningful and will join us again soon!*