

Week's Events at Northminster

Today 12/03

9:30 a.m. Sunday Advent Worship
 11:00 a.m. Adult Advent Study
 3:30 P.M. Shared Blessings Christmas bag day

Mon. 12/04

Tues. 12/05

1:30 p.m. Shared Blessings distribution
 3:30 p.m. High School Hangout
 5:30 p.m. B& G team meeting
 6:30 p.m. Serve team meeting

Wed. 12/06

9:00 a.m. Women's Coffee group
 3:30 p.m. High School Hangout
 6:00 p.m. Praise Team
 7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal

Thurs. 12/07

7:30 a.m. Men's group
 3:30 p.m. High School Hangout
 No NPC events scheduled

Friday 12/08

Sun. 12/10

9:30 a.m. Sunday Advent Worship
 11:00 a.m. Adult Advent Study



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Northminster Presbyterian Church

December 3rd, 2023
2nd Sunday of Advent

The Northminster office hours this week are Monday– Friday 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Pastor Jim will hold office hours Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9 – Noon.

Other times can be arranged by appointment.

Call the church office for pastoral emergencies.

Please have bulletin announcements to the office by **Wednesday** for the following Sunday.

You may submit a written announcement in the office mailbox or e-mail them to

amesnpc@gmail.com. Thank you.

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Greeters: Guy & Holly Helmer

Next Week: Bill & Carolyn Holt

Fellowship Hosts: Jeff & Karen Jutting

Next Week: Dave & Debra Hassebrock

Head Usher: Mary Beth Oostenbrug

Nursery: Madison Bierl

Worship Leader: Connie Hardy

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Reverend James DuBois, Pastor
 Valerie Gramlich, Admin. Assistant
 Greg Daley, Bell Choir Director
 Alex Ong, IT Support
 Madison Bierl, Nursery Attendant

Julie Minot, Music Director
 Mark Forbis, Pianist
 Paul Hertz, Organist
 Ministers, the congregation



GATHER

GROW

SERVE

people in Christ

in discipleship

all in love

***Please stand in body or spirit**

Gathering Music

Christmas Hymn Sing (First Two Verses per song)

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Jim

***Call to Worship: Luke 1:46,49**

Connie Hardy, Worship Leader

My Soul magnifies the Lord. My spirit rejoices in God my savior.

For the Mighty One has done great things, and holy is God's name.

***Opening Hymn:**

"My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout"

#100

***Passing the peace of Christ**

Come to set us free 'The Work of Christmas'

Northminster Choir

Children's Time

Offertory

Bells of Northminster

***Response: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

#606

***Prayer of Dedication**

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

We light this candle as a symbol of the purity of heart
only God can bring.

**For God shall purify the people like gold and silver,
until they shine forth God's righteousness.**

Come, Jesus, come!

Hymn "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" verse 1-2

#85

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

hymnal pg. 35

***Hymn**

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

#82

Scripture Readings

Luke 1:26-38

Matthew 1:18-25

Message

"Mary and Joseph"

Pastor Jim

***Closing Hymns**

"Wait for the Lord" with Psalm 27 responsive readings

#90

"Prepare the Way of the Lord" sung three times

#95

***Benediction**

Postlude

Fugue on "Hyfrydol" (Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus)

A T Evans

Prayer Requests for this Week

- Gary Zeller – Phil's dad is currently in the hospital with pneumonia and possibly some heart complications
- Diane Parsons – healing
- For peace in Israel and Palestine
- Mike Wright's friend David in cancer treatment
- Continued prayers for strength and pain relief for Shelby Randolph
- Greg, a childhood friend of Phil Zeller who has been diagnosed with esophageal cancer that has metastasized
- Jan Beall - recovery and improvement for broken hip from fall
- Prayers for Bill & Lyn Watson's son, Chad, who is now in long-term care in Marshalltown
- Betty Chantland - health concerns
- Prayers for our active-duty service men and women, our veterans, and blessings for our nation
- Close family friend of Zellers, continued prayers for Dean and his family for healing, peace and direction
- PCUSA Mission co-workers working in challenging situations
- The nations of Ukraine and Poland
- Both ministries of the Korean and Northminster congregations
- The Shared Blessings program at NPC
- NPC homebound members and their caregivers
- Prayers for those out of work
- All Health care professionals

Next week in worship:

Next week our youth will share their gifts and talents throughout worship. The message of the day will focus around the animals in the nativity scene.

The Northminster Worship Service is live-streamed and posted on our church YouTube page for public viewing.

Announcements

Are you a visitor today? Welcome!

Please join us after the service for Fellowship Time. Information folders are available in the Gathering Space. If you would be interested in learning more about our church, please give your contact information to Pastor Jim, one of our greeters/ushers after the service, or checkout our website at amesnpc.org.

Advent Adult Study – 11:00 am - a 4-week Advent Study based on Rev. Willimon's new book, "Heaven and Earth: Advent and Incarnation." All are welcome! Rev. Moen will pick up his Confessions Study again on January 21st.

Nativity Sets – to enhance our Advent theme, the nativity scene, we are inviting you to bring in a Nativity set to display at church beginning December 3rd. Feel free to write a note about your set and why it is special to you.

Christmas Hymn Sing - We'll offer a Christmas Hymn Sing before each Sunday service, approximately 9:20 a.m. We'll take requests and sing the first two verses of each hymn.

The Alternative Gift Market is being held on Dec. 3rd & 10th in the fireside room after church. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about and support projects around the world that relieve poverty and suffering. An Alternative Gift is a humanitarian gift given in honor of a friend or loved one. Just like traditional gift, Alternative Gifts express love and affection, celebrate occasions and show you care. Unlike traditional gifts, Alternative Gifts don't contribute to the consumer stream and they won't be re-gifted.

Join us on December 3rd & 10th. Shop alternatively and give gifts that have Global Impact!