

Week's Events at Northminster

**Today 11/19**

9:30 a.m. Sunday worship with Service of Remembrance  
 11:00 a.m. Adult study  
 11:00 a.m. Youth Group to Climb Iowa  
 2:00 p.m. NPC cards and games

**Mon. 11/20**

**Tues. 11/21**

6:30 p.m. Shared Blessing distribution  
 3:30 p.m. High School Hangout

**Wed. 11/22**

9:00 a.m. Women's Coffee group  
 NO High School Hangout  
 NO Praise team or Choir

**Thurs. 11/23**

**Happy Thanksgiving.**

**Office closed**

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**Friday 11/24**

**Sun. 11/26**

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

The Northminster office hours this week are Monday– Wednesday 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](mailto:amesnpc@gmail.com). Thank you.

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**Greeters:** Mark & Linda Westgate

Next Week: Phil & Laura Zeller

**Fellowship Hosts:** Brad & Leona Nau

Next Week: John & Faye Hill

**Head Usher:** Mark Westgate

**Nursery:** Madison Bierl

**Worship Leader:** Cathy Van Brocklin

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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



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Northminster Presbyterian Church

**November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023**



**GATHER**

**GROW**

**SERVE**

**people in Christ**

**in discipleship**

**all in love**

**\*Please stand in body or spirit**

**Gathering Music**

Down By The Riverside, Swing Low, Sweet Chariot arr. Richard Syner

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jim

**\*Call to Worship:** Cathy Van Brocklin, Worship Leader

Blessing and glory and wisdom  
**and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God  
forever and ever! Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn:** "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" #825

**\*Passing the peace of Christ**

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" Northminster Choir

Children's Time

Offertory  
Shall We Gather at the River arr. Emily Maxson Porter

**\*Response:** "We Are an Offering" #710  
**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Time for Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness  
Sisters and brothers, no one who takes refuge in God will be  
condemned. Believe the good news!  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

"We Are Forgiven" #447

Prayers of the People  
Lord's Prayer p.35

**\*Hymn:** "Shall We Gather at the River" #375

Scripture Readings  
Psalm 46  
Revelation 21:10; 21:22, 22:5

Message "River of Life" Pastor Jim

Litany of Remembrance insert

**\*Closing Hymn:** "You Are Mine" #177

**\*Benediction**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting  
covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working you  
that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory  
forever and ever.

**Amen**

Christ is risen.  
**HE IS RISEN INDEED.**

Let us go forth in peace.  
**IN THE NAME OF THE LORD.**

**Postlude**

Fugue on the Psalm Tune "Winchester Old" (Psalm 46), Hymn #329,  
arr. Charles Wood

## Prayer Requests for this Week

- 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:

As we begin the season of Advent, Pastor Jim will walk through the Nativity scene, stopping along the way to discuss Angels, Shepherds, Animals, and of course Mary, Joseph, and Jesus. We'll begin next Sunday with Angels.

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

**Ames High School Madrigal is rehearsing in the NPC facility.  
Thank you for your hospitality to the High School.**

## 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](http://amesnpc.org).

**Decorating for Christmas –** Do you have an hour to spare on **Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm**. The Grow Team would like to begin decorating the church for Christmas and we'd love some help. Thanks in advance.

**Advent Adult Study begins November 26<sup>th</sup>** – 11:00 am study will begin a 4-week Advent Study based on Rev. Will Willimon's new book, "Heaven and Earth: Advent and Incarnation." All are welcome! Rev. Moen will pick up his Confessions Study again on January 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Christmas Hymn Sing** - Beginning November 26<sup>th</sup>, the First Sunday of Advent, 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. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>** 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 gifts, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. Shop alternatively and give gifts that have Global Impact.



**Those Who've Gone to be with the Lord in the Past Year....**

*Jerry Parsons*

*Jim Graham*

**Litany of Remembrance**

We remember them.

In the rising of the sun and it's going down,

**we remember them.**

In the blowing of the wind and the chill of winter,

**we remember them.**

In the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring,

**we remember them.**

In the blueness of the skies and the warmth of summer,

**we remember them.**

In the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn,

**we remember them.**

When we are weary and in need of strength,

**we remember them.**

When we are lost and sick of heart,

**we remember them.**

When we have joys and special celebrations we yearn to share,

**we remember them.**

So, as long as we live, they too shall live, for they are a part of us,

**and we will always remember them.**