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*Northminster Presbyterian Church*

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Oct 30, 2011

9 and 11 a.m.

### APPROACHING GOD

*\* Those who are able please stand.*

**Congregation responds in bold.**

**WELCOME**

Teri Thomas

**PRELUDE**

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

Marko Petricic, Organ

**CALL TO WORSHIP IN MUSIC, PSALM 107**

Laura Thoreson, Cantor

*Refrain*

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices.

The image shows musical notation for a refrain. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics "Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices." are written below the treble staff. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP IN WORD**

O give thanks to God for God is good;

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

God is present to us in all the chaos of our time.

**We thank God for a love that overcomes all things.**

**For God's wonderful works are all around us.**

**\*HYMN 260 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.**

**Set us free from a past that we cannot change;  
open to us a future in which we can be changed;  
and grant us grace to grow more and more in your  
likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light  
of the world.**

**\*SILENT CONFESSION**

## \*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, in Christ, you never walk alone.

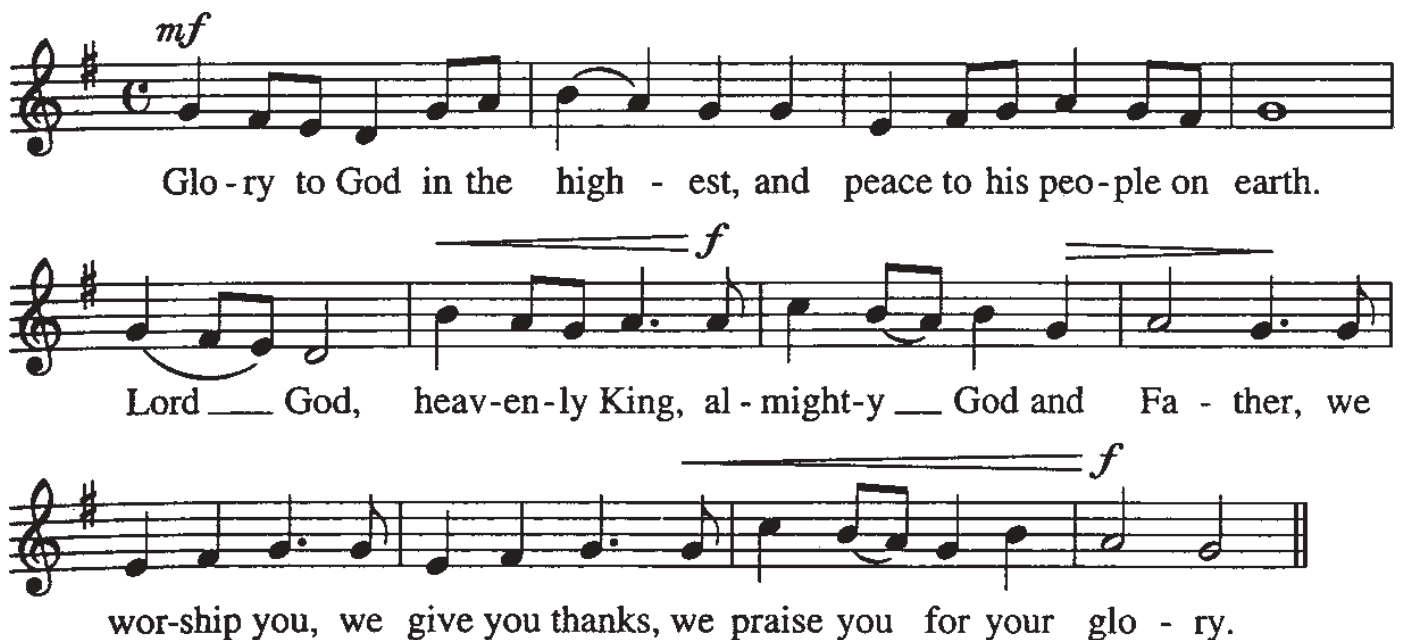
**God works joyfully to lift the burdens that hurt.**

God works always to forgive us of our sins.

**God calls each of us to share compassion with each other.**

## \*GLORIA

Carroll Andrews



*mf*  
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

*f*  
Lord \_\_\_ God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y \_\_\_ God and Fa - ther, we

*f*  
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

## \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*(Greet one another with words of Christ's peace.)*

# LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

**ANTHEM** (11 am) “This is My Prayer”

Celebration Choir

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

*(Children may be dismissed for Children's Church.)*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

“Living Word of God Eternal”

(9 am) Section Leaders

(11 am) Chancel Choir

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Malachi 3:7b – 12

**EPISTLE LESSON**

2 Corinthians 9:6 – 9

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** “*God Loves a Cheerful Giver*”

Kent Millard

**SILENCE FOR REFLECTION**



**\*DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**

**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!**

**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit, Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Alleluia!**

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**GOING FORTH**

**\*HYMN NO. 555**      “Now Thank We All Our God”

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Now, brothers and sisters, in the Spirit of the Christ, we are sent out as partners in service with others in our community and the world.

**We are sent out to untie burdens and put on our response to Jesus’ teaching.**

We are sent out to lift off the yoke of oppression and sadness and put on the yoke of love.

**Thanks be to God!**

## CHORAL RESPONSE

“Das Wort sie sollen lassen stahn”

(9 am) Section Leaders

(11 am) Chancel Choir

Translation: *They shall allow the word to stand  
and receive no thanks for it.*

*He is surely with us on the field of battle,  
along with the Spirit and its gifts.*

*If they take from us our body,  
goods, honor, child, and wife, let them go;  
they gain no victory from that,  
for the kingdom is ours forever.*

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## NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

### TRUNK OR TREAT TONIGHT

Join us tonight from 5:30 - 7 pm for our annual Trunk or Treat extravaganza.

### UNDIE SUNDAYS COMING IN NOVEMBER

Look for baskets to be located around the church for donations of underwear, all sizes, all kinds, all new. Donations taken for the Martin Luther King Multi-Service Center.

## **ERIC WICKENS TO SING AT J.O.Y. LUNCHEON, 11/3**

Don't miss the J.O.Y. Group's Thanksgiving Luncheon, Thurs., Nov. 3 when Eric Wickens will sing tunes from the 40's and 50's. Lunch will be served promptly at noon, followed by the entertainment. **RSVP to church office (251-9489) by Tues., Nov. 1.** Cost of the lunch is \$7.00, payable at the door.

## **DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS, SUN. 11/6**

Fall Back & gain an hour of sleep. Don't forget to "fall back" one hour before going to bed Saturday night, 11/5 (unless you like waking up at 2 am to change all your clocks).

## **PAPERLESS NEWS & VIEWS: GO GREEN!**

To date, 53 families (or 74 individuals) have chosen to receive the electronic version of our monthly newsletter, *News & Views*! That's less paper & envelopes used and less postage spent. Let's encourage everyone to be green – help save the environment and save Northminster money. To sign up for the *E-News & Views* today email Katie Hart at [katiehart@northminster-indy.org](mailto:katiehart@northminster-indy.org)!

## **UNDERSTANDING DEPRESSION TODAY, AN INFORMAL DIALOGUE, 11/13**

Join Sam Smith, MA, LMHC, LMFT, LCAC, on Sun., Nov. 13, 10am in Calvin Hall for an informal group dialogue on understanding depression today. He'll discuss the causes, the signs, symptoms and the impact it can have on our lives. He'll also relate some relatively new perspectives about ways of understanding and coping with this phenomena. While depression can be profoundly challenging, it often yields astounding transformative developmental treasures in our life.

Sam is a therapist at the St. Vincent Stress Center on 86th Street and has held private counseling sessions at Northminster 2-days a week for the past several years, on Tuesdays and Fridays.

## **NORTHSTARS TO SEE HAIRSPRAY, 11/19**

On Sat., 11/19, NorthStars will attend *Hairspray*, presented by North Central HS. They'll begin at 5 pm with dinner at Maggiano's (Keystone at the Crossing) then go to North Central HS for the 7 pm show. Tickets are \$10. **Call the Jacklins, 845-9694, for reservations by 11/13.** When calling, let Cheryl know if you are eating and going to the show or just one or the other.

## **INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE, 11/23**

This year we'll be worshipping in the newly renovated sanctuary at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation on Meridian. There will be a joint choir as well.

## **THANKS FOR YOUR HELP. . . .**

The Building & Grounds Committee Co-Chairs; Tim Cann, Bob Gudgel & Bill Lord want to thank everyone who helped with the Fall Work Days earlier this month: Jim Arend, Bob Bowers, Bill Diehl, Tom Duncan, Tony Dzwonar, Ellen Fosnaught, Bill Frieje, Troy Hill, Craig Hittle, Tim Rice, Gary Ryan, John Sibley, John Smith, Russell Warham, Mary Tarbell, Jack Wineman and Kevin Zimmerman. Our thanks for helping in the successful completion of a number of projects.

## **REGISTRATION FOR FAMILY MINISTRIES RETREAT**

Registration for this biennial event at Pokagon State Park, Jan. 20-22, 2012, is now open. Check Family Ministries on the NPC website [www.northminster-indy.org](http://www.northminster-indy.org). Debbie Bulloff has more information.

## MUSIC IN WORSHIP

This morning's anthem "The Falconer" was composed in 1996 by Alfred Fedak. Fedak, a graduate of Hope College, currently serves as Director of Music at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Albany, New York. The tune is set in a style reminiscent of the early American folk song. The melody, like the text, conveys a sense of calm reassurance. The anthem's text was composed by Rev. Richard Leach, one of the best hymn text writers alive today. It was inspired by "Rise, My Soul, and Stretch Thy Wings," an 18<sup>th</sup> century hymn poem by Rev. Robert Seagrave. Says Leach: "My sense was that we would enjoy singing about rising and stretching wings today, but that we would want to sing about renewing this world rather than leaving it behind, as Seagrave's words do." "The Falconer" portrays the Christian life as if it was a falcon and Christ the falconer, and portrays how Christ is always waiting for us to come to him. The text contains strong word-pictures: the falcon soaring in ever tighter circles ("In a closing circle go,") and Christ the falconer with uplifted arm ("Come to Christ's uplifted hand, and find a resting place.")