



NORTHSIDE CHURCH
A UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION

*The Manger Scene:
Magi*

December 29, 2024



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The First Sunday After Christmas

There is a place for you at Northside Church to know the love of God, to grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ, and to go into the world to serve others.

† Please rise in body or spirit when you see this symbol, and join in singing or reading aloud text in **bold**.

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

THE PRELUDE | Once in Royal David's City | *arr. John Innes*

Mr. Joshua McClure

THE WELCOME

Rev. Angela House

† THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. House

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: We gather to follow the star to Bethlehem.

People: **We come to bring our gifts to the newborn King.**

Pastor: We have seen his star in the east and have come to worship him.

All: **Let us worship and adore Christ, our Savior. Praise be to God. Amen.**

† THE HYMNS OF ADORATION

Hymn 220: stanzas 1–3 | Angels From The Realms Of Glory

**Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth:**

Refrain: **Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.**

**Shepherds, in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant light: *Refrain***

**Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star: *Refrain***

Hymn 251: stanzas 1 & 3 | Go, Tell It On The Mountain

Refrain: **Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.**

**While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold throughout the heavens there shown a holy light. *Refrain***

**Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain***

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Hymn 246: stanzas 1 & 2 | Joy To The World

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.**

**Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

† THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | Apostles' Creed

Mr. Nathan Schreer

**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 Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

† THE GLORIA PATRI | Hymn 70

**Glory be to 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.**

† THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. House

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Catherine Boothe Olson

We invite all children to come to the chancel steps for a message from Rev. Catherine.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. House

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

THE HYMN OF PREPARATION | Hymn 254: stanzas 1 & 5 | We Three Kings

† THE SCRIPTURE | Matthew 2:1–12

Rev. Boothe Olson

Pastor: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON | “The Manger Scene: Magi”

Rev. Boothe Olson

† THE HYMN OF RESPONSE | Hymn 219: stanzas 1 & 3 | What Child Is This

THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

Rev. House

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When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among others,
To make music in the heart.

—*Howard Thurman*

† THE DOXOLOGY | *Tune: The First Noel*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel born is the King of Israel.**

† THE BENEDICTION

Rev. Boothe Olson

† THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE | Hymn 246: stanza 4 | Joy to the World

**He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.**

THE POSTLUDE | Joy to the World | *arr. Albin C. Whitworth*

Mr. McClure

CLERGY

Dr. Bill Burch, *Senior Pastor* • Rev. Catherine Boothe Olson, *Associate Pastor*
Rev. Douglas Herlong, *Associate Pastor* • Rev. Angela House, *Associate Pastor*
Rev. Sara Maughan, *Pastor of Children's Ministry*

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