



NORTHSIDE CHURCH
A UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION

First Words:
Luke

January 5, 2025



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Epiphany Sunday

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 | Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow | *arr. Fred Bock*

Mr. Joshua McClure

THE WELCOME

Rev. Douglas Herlong

THE CHORAL INTROIT | All That Hath Life and Breath | *Rene Clausen*

Chancel Choir

All that hath life and breath praise ye the Lord,
Shout to the Lord, Alleluia!
Praise Him, laud Him, Alleluia!

—based on Psalm 150:6

† THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Herlong

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us come to the sacred place.

People: **Let us receive the words of prophecy.**

Pastor: Behold, God's anointed is among us.

All: **May Christ show us the way of salvation. Praise be to God. Amen.**

† THE HYMN OF ADORATION | Hymn 62: stanzas 1–3 & 5 | All Creatures of our God and King

† THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | Apostles' Creed

Rev. Herlong

**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. Herlong

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT | 11:15AM

Rev. Sara Maughan

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

THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

Rev. Herlong

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THE OFFERTORY | Speak, O Lord | *arr. John Ferguson*

Chancel Choir

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth; plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise;
Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

† THE DOXOLOGY | Hymn 95

**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. Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND PARDON

Rev. Herlong

Pastor: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.
People: **Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Pastor: Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Congregation: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

People: **Glory to God. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Herlong

**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 349 | Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.**

† THE SCRIPTURE | Luke 2:41–52 | Pg. 1461

Dr. Bill Burch

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

THE SERMON | "First Words: Luke"

Dr. Burch

THE INSTRUCTIONS TO HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Herlong

Today, we celebrate Communion. When directed, walk down the center aisle to receive the elements. We will serve by intinction, which means you will be handed bread and dip it in juice. You are then invited to pray at the altar rail or at your seat. If you are not able to come forward, please let a Sunday Servant know so that the elements may be brought to you.

The Communion table is open to all. There is also a gluten-free option available. Any money that is left on the altar rail during Communion will go to people experiencing financial need.

The Lord's Supper is a holy meal of bread and juice that symbolizes the body and blood of Christ. By sharing this meal, we give thanks for Jesus' sacrifice for our sins, we recall the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, and we celebrate the unity of all the members of God's family.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.
And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

People:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might. Heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Pastor: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: On the night in which he gave himself up for us,
Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body
which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."
When the supper was over, he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."
And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People:

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

THE PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

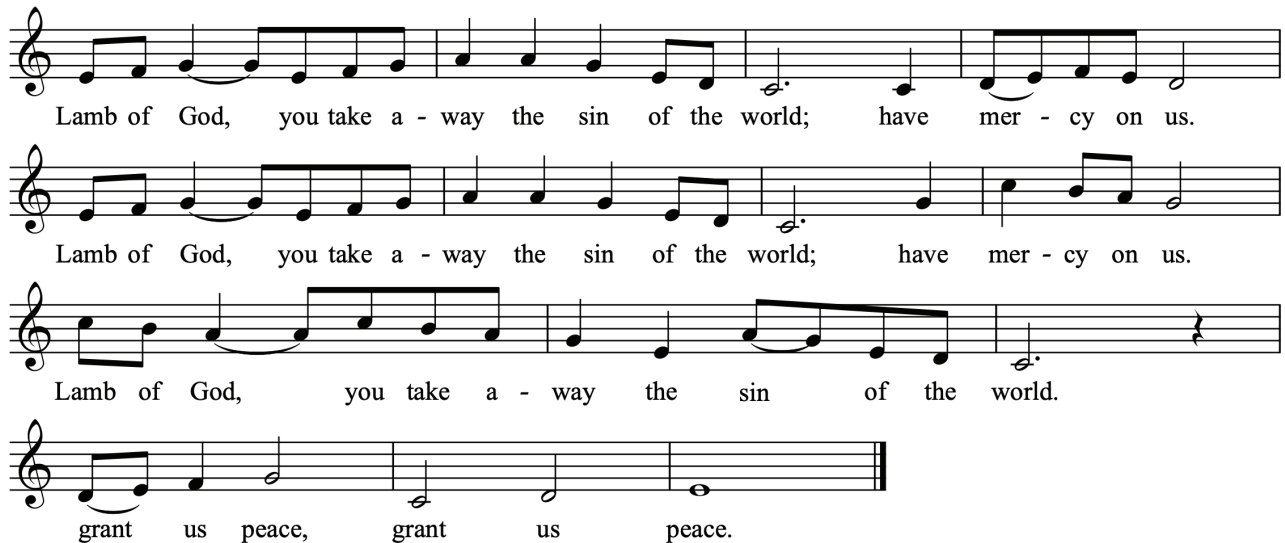
Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.
By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory,
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.
Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND SHARING OF THE CUP

THE COMMUNION MUSIC | Lamb of God

Chancel Choir



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world.
grant us peace, grant us peace.

† THE COMMUNION HYMN | Hymn 206: stanzas 1 & 3 | I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

† THE BENEDICTION

8:30AM | Rev. Herlong

11:15AM | Dr. Burch

† THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE | May the Mind of Christ, My Savior



May the mind of Christ, my Sav - ior, live in me from day to day,
By His love and pow'r con - trol - ling all I do and say.

TEXT: Kate B. Wilkinson
MUSIC: A. Cyril Barham-Gould

THE POSTLUDE | Improvisation on "May the Mind of Christ, My Savior" | *arr. McClure*

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*

AFFILIATED CLERGY

Dr. G. Gil Watson, *Pastor Emeritus* • Dr. Ann Brightwell McCord, *Retired*

TRADITIONAL MUSIC MINISTRY

Joshua McClure, *Director of Worship & Organist* • Nathan Schreer, *Director of Music*