



NORTHSIDE CHURCH
A UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION

First Words:
Matthew

January 12, 2025



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The First Sunday after the Epiphany

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 | Cantilena | *Florence Price*

Mr. Alvin Blount, guest organist

THE WELCOME

8:30AM | Rev. Angela House
11:15AM | Rev. Catherine Boothe Olson

THE CHORAL INTROIT | This Is the Day | *John L. Wilson*

Chancel Choir

This is the day that the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad!

—*Psalm 118:24*

† THE CALL TO WORSHIP

8:30AM | Rev. House
11:15AM | Rev. Boothe Olson

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Behold, the Lamb of God has come.

People: **The Spirit of the Lord is upon him.**

Pastor: Let us worship and praise the King of Kings.

People: **May we follow Christ with faithfulness. Praise be to God. Amen.**

† THE HYMN OF ADORATION | Hymn 157: all stanzas | Jesus Shall Reign

† 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

8:30AM | Rev. House
11:15AM | Rev. Boothe Olson

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM | 11:15AM

Dr. Bill Burch

Mary Jane Eleanor

**With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ,
that [name], surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith,
and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.**

THE BAPTISM RESPONSE | Hymn 611: stanza 1 | Child of Blessing, Child of Promise | 11:15AM

**Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign.
With this water God has sealed you, unto love and grace divine.**

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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

8:30AM | Rev. House
11:15AM | Rev. Boothe Olson

**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 | Matthew 3:13–17 | Pew Bible, pg. 1376

Dr. Burch

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

THE SERMON | “First Words: Matthew”

Dr. Burch

† THE HYMN OF RESPONSE | Hymn 189: all stanzas | Fairest Lord Jesus

THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

8:30AM | Rev. House
11:15AM | Rev. Boothe Olson

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THE OFFERTORY | At the Name of Jesus | *Cindy Berry*

Chancel Choir;
Ms. Leah Hannon, piano

Jesus, though He was God did not cling to His rights as God,
but laid aside His mighty power and glory.
Taking the form of a servant, and becoming like men.
He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death on the cross!
At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow in heaven and in earth.
That every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!
At the name of Jesus! At the name of Jesus!

—Text adapted from Philippians 2:6–11.

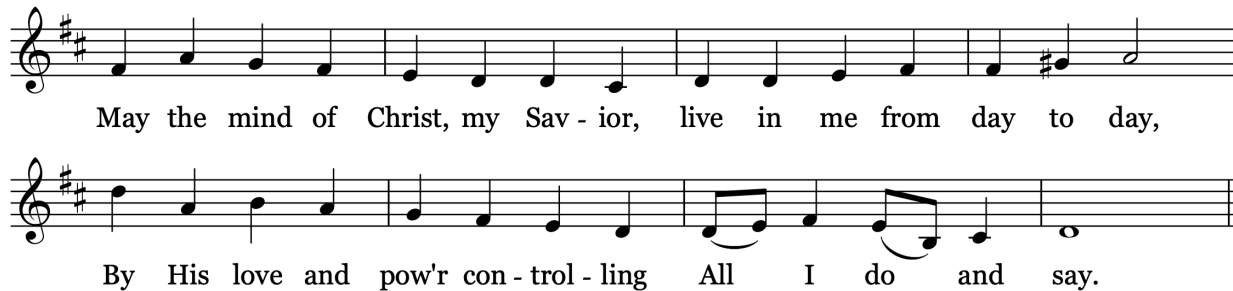
† THE DOXOLOGY | Hymn 95

**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.**

† THE BENEDICTION

8:30AM | Rev. House
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.

THE POSTLUDE | Fanfare-Improvisation | *Charles Callahan*

Mr. Blount, guest organist

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God:

In celebration of the marriage of Anna Walker Nottingham and Thomas Carlisle Hoover, on January 11, 2025.

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*