



NORTHSIDE CHURCH
A UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION

*The Manger Scene:
Angels*

December 1, 2024



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The First Sunday of Advent

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 | Christmas Angels | *arr. Joel Raney*

An arrangement featuring the hymns: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," "Angels from the Realms of Glory," and "Angels We Have Heard on High."

Mrs. Susan Schreer Davis, flute
& Mr. Joshua McClure, organ

THE WELCOME

8:30AM | Rev. Douglas Herlong
11:15AM | Rev. Angela House

† THE HYMN OF ADVENT | Hymn 211: stanza 1 | O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,
that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
Re - jice! Re - jice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

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† THE CALL TO WORSHIP & ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

8:30AM | The Sutherland Family
11:15AM | The Smithson Family

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: We light this candle as a sign of hope. In the midst of uncertainty, disappointment, and fear, we hope. We hope for our strength to be renewed. We hope not in the things of this world. We hope in the One who came to redeem the world.

People: **We listen for the angels to proclaim, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."**

Leader: As we worship, we join with the angels and proclaim that Jesus is the hope of all the earth.

People: **Let us go to find our King, born in a lowly manger. Praise be to God. Amen.**

† THE HYMN OF ADORATION | Hymn 220: all stanzas | Angels from the Realms of Glory

**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

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

8:30AM | Rev. Herlong
11:15AM | Rev. House

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM | 11:15AM

Mary Margaret

Dr. Bill Burch

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE | 11:15AM

**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.**

Rev. House

THE BAPTISM RESPONSE | Child of Blessing | 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

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

Rev. Sara Maughan

THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

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8:30AM | Rev. Herlong
11:15AM | Rev. House

THE OFFERTORY | How Lovely Are the Messengers | *Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy*

How lovely are the Messengers that preach us the gospel of peace.
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words,
Throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

Chancel Choir

—Romans 10:15

† THE DOXOLOGY | Hymn 95

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. Amen.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.**

THE CONFESSION AND PARDON

8:30AM | Rev. Herlong
11:15AM | Rev. House

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

8:30AM | Rev. Herlong
11:15AM | 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 217: stanza 1 | Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

† THE SCRIPTURE | Luke 2:8–14

Dr. Burch

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

THE SERMON | “The Manger Scene: Angels”

Dr. Burch

THE INSTRUCTIONS TO HOLY COMMUNION

8:30AM | Rev. Herlong

11:15AM | Rev. House

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 LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION

8:30AM | Rev. Herlong

11:15AM | Dr. Burch

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 risen, Christ will come a - gain.

THE PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

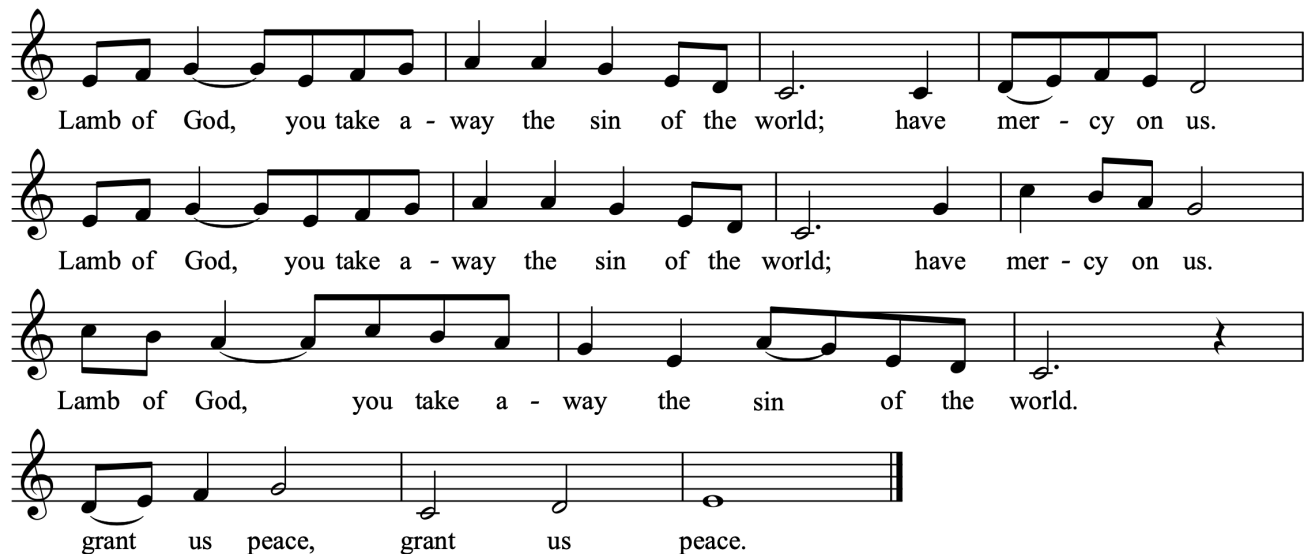
Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.
By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all 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 INSTRUMENTAL | O Little Town of Bethlehem | *arr. Joel Raney*

Mrs. Davis, flute
& Mr. McClure, organ

† THE COMMUNION HYMN | Hymn 240: stanzas 1 & 3 | Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

† THE BENEDICTION

8:30AM | Rev. Herlong
11:15AM | Dr. Burch

† THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE | Hymn 217: stanza 3 | Away in a Manger

**Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.**

THE POSTLUDE | Angels We Have Heard on High | *arr. Richard Elliot*

Mr. McClure

Festival of Carols

Join us for Northside's annual Festival of Carols as we celebrate the light of Christ this Advent season. A brass ensemble, percussion, and handbells will join this year's festival choir. We look forward to having you join us in song at the 8:30 and 11:15AM services on December 15 as we usher in the season.

For more information, contact Nathan Schreer at NathanS@NorthsideUMC.org

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

In loving memory of Clara Nell Langley Beavers, beloved, Mother, Grandmother, and Great Grandmother, given by the family of Gene Brooks.

The flowers on the memorial cross are given to the Glory of God:

In loving memory of Betty and John Wallace, given by their children and grandchildren.

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*