

## COMMITMENT

Northminster is an open fellowship that wants to share its gift of life and ministry with others. During the Time of Response, this church extends to you an invitation to membership by your request for baptism, by letter from a sister church, or by statement of your Christian experience in another denomination. If you would like to unite with this covenant community, please express this desire by coming forward at this point of the service.

## TIME OF RESPONSE

“You never go away from us, yet we have difficulty in returning to you. Come, Lord, stir us up and call us back. Kindle and seize us. Be our fire and our sweetness. Let us love. Let us run.”

-St. Augustine of Hippo, *Confessions, Book 8*

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 593 : “The Gift of Love”

*GIFT OF LOVE*

\*The Benediction

Charles Poole

\*The Postlude

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Burkhardt

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

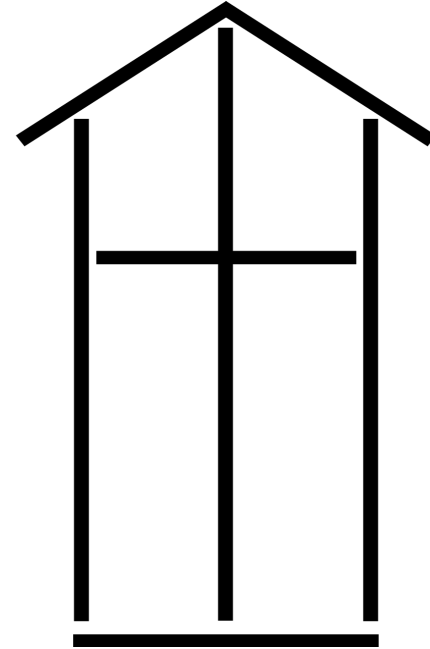
**The Lectionary passages for February 2 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:**

Micah 6:1-8 ~ page 757

Psalm 15 ~ page 430

I Corinthians 1:18-31 ~ pages 926-927

Matthew 5:1-12 ~ pages 785-786



Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

-I Corinthians 1:22-25

**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**  
**The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

February 2, 2020  
Ten-thirty o'clock

**PREPARATION AND PRAISE**

The worship of God begins this morning as you enter the Sanctuary. You are encouraged to use these moments for meditation, reflection and prayer. Following the service, greet our visitors and share your fellowship with those around you.

The Meditation of Preparation

“Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you, and a hope of finally embracing you. Amen.”

-St. Thomas Aquinas

Prelude “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” Travis  
“The Peace of Christ” Cason

The Call to Worship “Arise, Shine; for Your Light Has Come” Hopson  
*Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
And the glory of the Lord has ris'n upon you.  
Alleluia!*

\*The Processional Hymn No. 26: “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” *LAUDA ANIMA*

\*The Litany of Praise Rush Miller

Leader: The Lord be with you;

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: O Lord, who shall sojourn in thy tent? Who shall dwell on thy holy hill?

**People: Those who walk blamelessly, do what is right, and speak truth from the heart;**

Leader: Who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends;

**People: Nor take up a reproach against their neighbor, but honor those who fear the Lord.**

**All: Those who do these things shall never be moved.**

-Psalm 15, *adapted*

\*The Gloria Patri No. 807: “Glory Be to the Father” *MEINEKE*

\*The Prayer of Invocation Rush Miller

The Greeting Major Treadway

The Lessons

Micah 6:1-8  
I Corinthians 1:18-31

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

The Meditation of Confession

“Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”

-James 5:16

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Major Treadway

**INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION**

\*The Offertory Hymn No. 768: “I Come with Joy” *DOVE OF PEACE*

\*The Offertory Prayer Rush Miller

The Offertory “Vivace” Telemann

\*The Doxology *OLD HUNDREDTH*

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

The Gospel Matthew 5:1-12 Charles Poole

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem “To First Seek the Kingdom” Trotta  
*Amulet Strange, flute*

With what shall I come before the Lord,  
and bow myself before God on high?  
I can do justice, and can love kindness,  
and walk humbly with God.

What more does the Lord require?  
To first seek the kingdom of God  
and its righteousness, and all things,  
all these things will be given, unto you.

The Sermon “What Is God's Will For Our Lives?” Charles Poole

**THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

The Call to the Table Charles Poole

The Communion Litany

Pastor: On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples and said, “Take, eat: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

**People: Thanks be to God for the broken bread.**

Pastor: After supper, he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.”

**People: Thanks be to God for the cup.**

Pastor: Thanks be to God for the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus.

**All: Thanks be to God for the table of communion.**

The Bread

Worshippers will come forward by the center aisle. Receive the bread and, having received it, return to your seat by the outside aisle.

The Cup

Worshippers will be served the cup seated in the pews. Take the cup, a symbol of your willingness to receive the Grace of God. Once all have been served, drink the cup together.