

Northminster Presbyterian Church

“Caring for all with God’s love and grace.”

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It’s not the
“Justice League”!
It’s...



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Northminster News

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With Pastor Andy on vacation, we’re re-printing one of his “greatest hits” from October 2013!

Dear Friends,

At the end of the month, on October [29], we will celebrate Reformation Sunday. This is the Sunday we celebrate Martin Luther’s bold action of standing up to the abusive practices of the Roman Catholic Church by nailing his infamous “95 Theses” to the chapel door at the University of Wittenberg. (You can read them at this website if you’d like: www.iclnet.org/pub/resources/text/wittenberg/luther/web/ninetyfive.html) Luther didn’t intend to start a Reformation movement, but as a result of this, he was condemned and excommunicated.

During this Reformation month, I thought it might be a good idea to review why we do what we

do at Northminster in worship... In brief, here is an explanation of Presbyterian worship as we do it!

The **Prelude**, referred to by some as the “Opening Voluntary,” is a prayer of preparation offered by the musician on our behalf. During the Prelude, I encourage you to prepare for worship. The announcement slides let you know what is going on in the life of our church, and after you have read them, use the time to quiet to heart and mind and focus on God.

We begin our worship by singing **Songs of Praise**. These songs tend to be more upbeat, and are indeed songs instead of hymns. Many like to stand during this time of sung worship. Let these songs become your prayer to God, offering God your praise.

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CALENDAR OF CHURCH EVENTS

Regular Events

(Check the Sunday bulletin for updated info)

Sundays

- 8:45 am Adult Sunday School - Rm 11
- 10:00 am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary

Mondays

- 12:30 pm Senior Singers - Geneva Rm
- 4:30 pm Staff Meeting - Library

Tuesdays

- 9:30 am Women's Bible Study - Rm 11

Wednesdays

- 12:00 pm Lunch Bunch - Library
- 3:30 pm F.L.O.C.K./Satellite - Ministry Center
- 5:30 pm Youth Connection - Youth Rm
- 5:45 pm Chancel Bells Rehearsal - Bell Rm
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Rm

Thursdays

- 7:00 am Men's Breakfast Fellowship - Geneva Rm
- 10:00 am Knitting Club - Library

Other Events

October

- 1 10:00 am Worship - World Communion Sunday
- 2 6:30 pm Board of Deacons
- 8 10:00 am "Holy Cow" Offering in Worship
- 8 11:00 am Worship & Arts Committee
- 9 10:15 am Finance Committee
- 15 Newsletter Deadline
- 15 11:00 am Fellowship Potluck
- 15 Super Sandwich Outreach (after potluck)
- 19 8:30 am Personnel Committee
- 19 10:45 am Preschool Pumpkin Patch - 3 Yr Olds
- 19 3:15 pm Preschool Pumpkin Patch - KP-ers
- 20 11:15 am Preschool Pumpkin Patch - 4 Yr Olds
- 23 6:30 pm Session
- 26 1:30 pm Priscilla Circle
- 29 10:00 am Worship - Reformation Sunday
- 31 TBA Preschool Halloween Parade



- 1 Larry Bernardez
- 8 Ryan Bangs
- 16 Connor Bangs
- 18 Autumn Thornton
- 23 Debbie Palmer
- 25 John Gutekunst
- 28 Jim Vincent
- 29 Jean Monarque
- 31 Caity Michels
- Jessica Montero

November Early Birds

- 3 Rachel Biesinger
- Juliette Loder
- 6 Grace Bryan
- 7 Doreen Graham
- 8 Venita Miltz



October Anniversaries

- 6 Jeff & Felisa Hoogendyk..... 49th
- 7 **Louis & Jane Hembree..... 50th**
- 8 Jessica & Tino Montero. 13th
- 13 Carolyn & Robbie Bohn. 9th
- 21 **Don & Vee Thomas..... 66th**
- 23 Ken & Pat Tunstall. 46th

November Early Birds

No early birds this month!

* If your name is missing from this list and you would like to be added, please contact the church office.

Church Staff / Volunteers

- Pastor..... Andy Rausch
- Organist, Choir Accompanist..... Claire Vincent
- Director of Music..... Dana Vivit
- Daycare..... Laura Hunter-Michels, Michelle Dominguez, Tasha Layman, Stephanie Dominguez, Amanda Robles, Susan Neilson, Jessica Meza, Jerrianna Hagio
- Bobbie Jean Newby
- Children's Ministry Assistant..... Margarita Perez
- Preschool/KinderPrep..... Laura, Amanda Robles
- Custodian, Assistants..... Jesse Perez, Alan Balch, Tom Foliard, Bob Hynes
- Groundskeepers..... Tom McKey, Jeff Hoogendyk, John Gutekunst
- Audio/Visual Tech..... Tom Foliard
- Church Secretary..... Micki Brown



Join us after worship **SUNDAY, October 15**, for our monthly gathering. Bring your favorite potluck dish for great, around-the-table greetin' and eatin', just the way Jesus did! If you can't bring a dish to share, still please join us; we love your cooking, but we love YOU more!!



Women's Bible Study

Attention Ladies: You are invited to join us Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. for a study of God's Word, led by Claire Vincent. An interesting, insightful study resource is used to help us navigate and grow in our Christian walk...with ample measures of fellowship, prayer and goodies to be shared too! And please be welcome to bring a friend!

Look - over Salinas:
It's not a bird! It's not a plane!
It's our



uper
andwich Outreach!

The Mission Committee invites you to "Be a Super Hero for the Homeless" as we **make sandwiches for Dorothy's Place, Sunday, October 15, after our Fellowship Potluck!** We looking for donations of sandwich ingredients - meat, cheese, condiments, etc.

If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Loder, Mission Chair.

Love to Sing?



If you've got a song in your heart, come and share it with the community! The Senior Singers invite you to join this group of vintage voices who love music! **They meet at 12:30 in the Geneva Room every Monday.**

At Christmas time and in the spring, the group will delight the community with appearances and a seasonal concert! If singing is your thing, come by this Monday, or contact director Joyce Solazzi!

Knitters Unite!

If you have a passion for purling, a knack for knitting, then this group is for you! This informal community gathering of folks are "knit" together in their love for the craft! They meet on Thursdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in the church library, so join in on the adventure and you'll have quite the "yarn" to share! P.S. We also open to any other needlecraft - embroidery, needlepoint, etc. So come on by, it's okay to "needle" us!!



Our Homebound Friends



Dorothy Cavanagh, Doreen Graham - Katherine Ann Binns, Emma Price, Esther Johnson - Brookdale
Evonne McKinney, Grace Bryan - Villa Serra



Victory Mission's Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Friday, November 3
Northminster Gym

More details coming soon!

From the Pastor

continued

The **Call to Worship** is a call to the faithful to enter fully into worship, to seek God in the coming hour.

At Northminster, we generally sing three **Hymns**, either from the hardcover *Presbyterian Hymnal* or from the softcover *Sing the Faith*. Each of the hymns is carefully chosen by Dana and I to enhance our worship experience; each of the hymns reflects the overall emphasis of the day's worship service. Because of this, you may not get to sing your "old favorites," and you may be introduced to something new. Perhaps that new hymn, in time, will become an "old favorite!"

The **Prayer of Confession** is a time to acknowledge that we are sinners in need of God's grace, and the **Assurance of Pardon** reminds us that we are, indeed, forgiven! We follow the assurance of pardon with a **Gloria**, singing to the glory of God in thanksgiving for all that God has done.

The choir will usually sing an **Anthem**, a musical piece often consisting of a setting of Scripture. The Anthem allows the hearers to experience the power of God.

Scripture readings, of course, are central to the worship experience. We hear the Word of God read aloud, listening for new ways in which it may touch us. Throughout most of the year, I follow the Revised Common Lectionary, a three-year cycle of Scripture readings that include a reading from the Old Testament (or "Hebrew Scriptures"), a Psalm reading, an epistle reading and a gospel lesson. I usually choose two of these to read on a given Sunday, and my sermon is guided by those readings.

The **Sermon** is an exposition or explanation of the Scriptures. Some preachers preach sermons based on "timely topics," such as abortion or global climate change or marriage and so on, and they choose Scripture readings to support their conclusions. I start with the Scripture readings, and let them speak to me through the Holy Spirit as I craft a sermon that will be meaningful and useful to you. Sometimes, you may feel that I didn't touch you. That happens! Hopefully another sermon will speak to you.

The **Offering** is the opportunity for you to participate directly in the act of worship as you give of yourself: your money, your gifts, your very selves. Even if you don't place a tithe or offering in the plate, you can still use this time to give your life to God each week. Musicians offer their abilities to God during the offering.

At Northminster, we share a special way in the **Morning Prayers**, as those who feel led come forward, light a candle and share their joys and concerns with the congregation. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to hear directly from our brothers and sisters in Christ. I remind you, though, that we need to hear your requests. Please, when you speak on the microphone, hold it near the top so your hand doesn't cover the antennae, and speak clearly and fairly loudly. The microphone only amplifies what it picks up, so if you don't speak clearly,

all it can do is amplify a mumble. A good guideline to remember when speaking with a microphone—speak as if there isn't one. Then the microphone can do its job and allow us all to pray with you.

Following a closing hymn, you receive a **Blessing**, or **Benediction**. This is quite an honor for me as I pass on the blessings of God as we go out into the world to continue serving God.

Finally, I want to mention a word about applause in church. When a musician sings, or plays an instrument, she or he is doing so as an offering to God. Applause is, of course, appropriate and expected at a concert, but in worship it can be distracting, and seems to make worship a concert instead of a way of honoring God. If you feel that a song is especially well done, an "Amen" or a simple thank you after the service is wonderful. Soren Kierkegaard compared worship to a theater, but a theater in reverse: The congregation is the actors, the worship leaders are the prompters, and God is the audience. Therefore, it is God's applause that we seek...

See you in church!
Andy

Our Condolences...



...to Adrienne Noggle and family. Beloved mother and grandmother, Marguerite Clark, died August 24, 2017 after a period of declining health. She was 93.

Marguerite, the youngest of 15 children, was born in Fruita, Colorado and raised on a ranch in Lincoln County, Oklahoma, where she helped work with the horses and cattle as a way of life. She is the daughter of the late John Nuton King, cattle rancher and bronc rider and the late Dora Ellen King. She started drawing and painting at an early age.

After graduating from high school, she gave up her art to attend nursing school. She then married Robert "Bob" Clark and they raised their only daughter, Adrienne. When she grew up and left home, Marguerite returned to her painting. She has studied many years and long hours with some of the top artists in this country; Petter, French impressionist, Ackins, Portrait artist B. Bachelor, Russian artist, L. Vercinsky and Western artist and muralist, John Robey. Marguerite has won many awards for her western scenes, landscapes and portraits. Her paintings hang in private collections throughout the United States.

Marguerite is survived by daughter Adrienne, grandsons, Raymond (Carrie) Noggle and Adam Noggle, great-granddaughter, Kona Noggle along with many nieces and nephews.

Marguerite was honored in a service at Northminster, where her love, faith and devotion to God and family was remembered.