



# NORTHMINSTER *Life*

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## ADVENT SEASON AT NORTHMINSTER

SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT

# Lessons & Carols

DECEMBER 3RD  
AT 10:30AM

Invite your family and friends and join us for beautiful worship services, opportunities for fellowship, and great ways to reach out to our community during this Advent season! Please keep an eye on your weekly emails for additions or updates.

*Here we go a' caroling!*

NPC YOUTH INVITE  
EVERYONE TO JOIN  
THEM FOR  
CAROLING

THURSDAY, DEC 21  
LEAVE NPC AT  
6:30PM

## Alternative Christmas Fair

Sunday, December 3rd  
after worship

## Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

AT NORTHMINSTER

Sunday, December 24th  
at 6 p.m.

## 5th Sunday Lunch



## December 31st

## CHRISTMAS JOY SPECIAL OFFERING

Each year during the Advent and Christmas season, we turn our eyes to Bethlehem and celebrate the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ, our Savior. God has blessed the church with incredible leadership in every time and place, but those leaders often need to be supported by their communities as well. This Offering addresses the support needed by some of our leaders, including supporting leadership development for communities of color and providing support for Presbyterian church workers in their time of need. Donations can be made any time this month, and a special offering envelope will be provided with your December 17<sup>th</sup> bulletin.



## A CLEAR VIEW OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS - SUNDAY STUDY

This Advent season Sunday study, a series of short video lectures by Dr. Bailey, brings fresh perspectives to many common assumptions and holiday tropes surrounding the birth of Jesus. Join us at 9AM in the fellowship hall for the three remaining studies, Dec. 3 (Surprises: Joseph and Herod), Dec. 10 (Salvation and the Wise Men), and Dec. 17 (Herod's Atrocities and Simeon's Welcome).

## THANK YOU, NORTHMINSTER FAMILY

" Thanks to all at Northminster who were so kind to me by visiting, calling, praying, sending cards and flowers during my recent hospital stay, after my open heart surgery, and my time at home after that. I am back at work now training my replacement and also doing cardiac rehab 3 times a week. Love, Brenda Felts"

## CELEBRATING THE LIVES AND RESURRECTION OF MEMBERS

This December, we are celebrating the lives and grieving the loss of two blessed members. Dr. Catherine Woody died November 17th; her memorial service will be held Saturday, December 2 at 10:30am with a reception to follow. Kathy Wheeler died November 25th; her memorial service will be held Wednesday, December 6th at 11:00am with a reception to follow. Please be in prayer for the families and friends of these beloved members. If you are unable to attend the services, please contact Jennifer for a link to their recordings.

## CELEBRATING BLESSINGS

Through tragedy abounding, we want to take time to celebrate God's gifts amongst our members. This month, Bonnie Diboll's daughter, Lori King, who recently underwent major surgery from breast cancer, will not only graduate with her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing, but will even be able to walk to stage to receive her degree. Bonnie would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support through Lori's illness and continuing recovery.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Dec 5 - Gail Walker  
Dec 13 - Abby Smith

Dec 18 - Jeanne Roddenberry

Dec 6 - Frenchie Bowen  
Dec 15 - Mary Alice Wilson  
Dec 22 - Sharon Sulkers

Dec 12 - Hannah Denny  
Dec 17 - Roland Hill  
Dec 30 - Eric Roddenberry