



December 8, 2024

Second Sunday of Advent

10:30am

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Carolyn Goode, Isabel Davis & Natalie Vernon

Opening Hymn #140

"Once In Royal David's City"

First Lesson

Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

Ralph Hawkins

Adam and Eve disobey God's command

Carol

"Jesus Christ the Apple Tree"
NPC Chancel Choir

by Simon Andrews

Second Lesson

Genesis 12:1-9
God's promises with Abraham

Tim McCord

Carol #87

"Comfort, Comfort Now My People"

Third Lesson

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7
The people who walk in darkness

Eric Roddenberry

Carol #82

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Fourth Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9
The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse

Chloe Napier

Carol

"Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming"
NPC Choir & String Quartet

hymn #129

Fifth Lesson

Luke 1:26-35, 38
An angel appears to Mary

Abby Aiello

Carol #119

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Sixth Lesson

Luke 2:1-7
Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem, where Mary gives birth

Brad Miles

Carol #133

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Seventh Lesson

Luke 2:8-16
Angels appear to shepherds in the fields

Jennifer Goode

Carol #113

“Angels We Have Heard in High”

Eighth Lesson

Matthew 2:1-11
Magi come from the East

Gregg & Julie Reed

Carol #147

“The First Noel”

verses 1-3, 6

Ninth Lesson

John 1:1-14
The Word of God becomes flesh

Ralph Hawkins

Carol

“In the Bleak Mid-Winter”
NPC Chancel Choir

Prayers of the People, Lord’s Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn #134

“Joy to the World”

Benediction

Postlude

Special Thanks to:

Our Readers

The dedication and talents of the Northminster Presbyterian Chancel Choir

and the Generation Fusion Quartet:

Pat McCall, violin

Kyla Gwyn, violin

Jaris Tobler, viola

Spencer Brewer, cello



Information & Announcements

Welcome Friends and Guests!

Whether you are sharing in the worship of God with us for the first time, visiting with family or friends, or returning for a visit to your home church, we welcome you today in the name of Jesus. Please share some contact information in the red book located in the pew so we can follow up with you and make a place for you in our weekly fellowship.

Prayer Concerns

If you have a need or a request for prayer, please contact the church office.

Ongoing Prayer Requests: Our Flint River Presbytery and campus ministries; Current Member Concerns: Jane Prentice; Ann Hall; Jane Ebey; Evelyn Clark; Annette Hutto; Jeff, Lynn, Josh and Hannah Denny - Current Friends and Family Concerns: Margaret Yawn; Donna Carole Kitchens; Susan Garrett (colleague of Gregg Reed, cancer diagnosis) - Military Personnel Prayer List: Austin Riley; Joshua Sulkers; Isaac Falkenstine (Bonnie Diboll's grandson); Nicholas Sanchez (Kathy McCord's godson); James Watwood; Dawson Everett (Gwen Kitchens' great-nephew); Carter Eddlemon (Doug & Carol Holt's grandson)

Alternative Christmas Fair – Today

Sunday, December 8, join us in the fellowship hall for our annual alternative Christmas fair. This event is an opportunity to give to some of our closest mission outreaches, including Thornwell, Habitat for Humanity in Macon, The Antioch Partners (our current missionary outreach), and Heifer International. With your gift, you will receive a Christmas card(s) to give to family or friends indicating that your gift was made in their honor or in celebration of a special event.

Sunday School – Every Sunday morning

Adult/Youth Sunday school will continue through December 15th in the Community room at 9^{AM}. Children's Sunday school continues through December 22nd, taking a one-week break December 29th, then picking back up January 5th at 9:30^{AM}. All children, grades 5 and under, are welcome to arrive at 9^{AM} so parents may participate in Sunday School. Childcare remains available through the end of worship.

Children's Sunday School – Month of Thanks

Our children's Sunday school class is practicing gratitude all month. As they reflected on being thankful that they have warm clothes and homes, they decided they'd like to share that warmth with other children by collecting kids' winter coats, jackets and sweaters to donate to the Rosa Taylor clothing closet. They will have a box set up this Sunday for donations that can be brought in from now through Christmas.

Men's Breakfast – December 11

Wednesday morning, December 11th, all men are invited to gather for breakfast together at H&H Restaurant downtown (807 Forsyth St.) at 7^{AM}. This is a dutch treat activity.

2025 Directory

Since the time of our last pictorial directory, we have welcomed new faces and said goodbye to members who have passed. It is time for an update! Throughout the month of December, please stop by the Library any Sunday before or after worship to have your photo taken and make sure your contact information is correct. All who wish to be included in the directory, whether member or friend, are encouraged to participate.

Christmas Joy Special Offering – December 22nd

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 on need. We will collect this offering Sunday, December 22. Offering envelopes will be provided.

5th Sunday Lunch – December 29th

Sunday, December 29th, we invite you to join us in the fellowship hall after worship for 5th Sunday lunch. Please let us know on your blue response sheet if you plan to attend.

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Our calling at Northminster is to make disciples, to grow in faith together, and to serve others in Christ.

CONGREGATION: Ministers of the Good News; SESSION of Ruling Elders: Kari Alderman; Mark Brown; Jeff Denny; Barbara Fatkin;
Nita McCord; Michael Napier; Donna Shuford; Amanda Smith; Minor Vernon; Gail Walker
RALPH HAWKINS, Pastor and Teaching Elder PAUL EVANS, Parish Associate
KAREN JONES, Clerk of Session JENNIFER WHITEHEAD, Ministry Assistant

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