

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The First Sunday after the Epiphany | January 10, 2021

*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 please join in reading aloud the parts in **bold**.*

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

THE PRELUDE | Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise | *arr. Hayes & Gaspard*

Ms. Angie Thomas, piano
& Mr. Joshua McClure, organ

THE WELCOME

Rev. Catherine Boothe Olson

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Boothe Olson

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lord, teach us the ways of godliness, and grant us a spirit of contentment,

People: **that we may be grateful for your provision and share the gifts you give with others.**

Pastor: We are blessed by you, so may we be a blessing to others,

All: **in the name of your matchless gift, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE OPENING HYMN | Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | Apostles' Creed

Mr. Michael J. Devine

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 CHORAL AFFIRMATION | God Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Chancel Choir Staff Singers

God, whose giving knows no ending,
From your rich and endless store:
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
Costly cross, grave's shattered door,
Gifted by you, we turn to you,
Off'ring up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever,
Gracious donor of our days.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
Gain through pow'rs your grace conferred;
Ours to use for home and kindred,
And to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
As we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
Serving you by loving all.

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THE OFFERTORY | What Gift Can We Bring | *arr. Benjamin Harlan*

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What gift can we bring, what present, what token?
What words can convey it—the joy of this day?
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
what song can we offer in honor and praise?

Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision,
who planted and watered so dreams could come true.
Give thanks for the Now, for study, for worship,
for mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.

Give thanks for tomorrow, full of surprises,
for knowing whatever tomorrow may bring,
God gives us his word that always, forever,
we rest in his keeping and live in his love.

This gift we now bring, this present, this token,
these words can convey it—the joy of this day!
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
this song we now offer in honor and praise!

† THE DOXOLOGY

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Jeff Rogers

**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 | More Precious Than Silver

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Lord, You are more precious than silver;
Lord, You are more costly than gold.
Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds,
And nothing I desire compares with You.

THE SCRIPTURE | 1 Timothy 6:6–10

Dr. Bill Burch

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

THE SERMON | “Fit: Fiscal Fitness”

Dr. Burch

THE SENDING HYMN | Be Thou My Vision

THE BENEDICTION

Dr. Burch

THE POSTLUDE | Improvisation on “Be Thou My Vision” | *arr. Joshua McClure*

Mr. McClure