

Connect Card

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Welcome! Whether you are a visitor or a member, you can always learn more at North Church. Let us know how we can help you.

- I need to update my contact information.
- I'd like to receive North Church's e-newsletter.
- I'm interested in speaking with someone about North.
- I'd like to speak to a Pastor about a personal concern.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

I am interested in learning more about:

- Children's Ministries
- Youth Ministries
- Young Adult Ministries
- Small Groups
- Music Ministries
- Outreach and Missions
- Care and Nurture Ministries
- Hospitality Ministries
- Green Team
- Reconciling Ministries
- United Methodist Women
- Justice & Advocacy

Other/Comments

Sundays at North

Sunday Morning Hospitality

All are welcome

- 8:30-10:15: Community Room
- Following 11:00 service: Parlor

Childcare During Worship

Provided for infants-4 year olds during both worship services & Sunday School

- Infant/Toddlers: Room 103
- Preschool: Room 102

Sunday School (9:45-10:45):

Adult Sunday School

- The Affirming Group: Room 202
- Amazing Grace: Room 106
- Building Strong Foundations: Room 006
- Contemporary Biblical Forum: Game Room
- New Corinthians: 004
- Power and Light: Room 205
- Sojourners: Room 005
- Usual Suspects: Club Room

Children Sunday School

- Toddlers: Room 103
- Preschool: Room 102
- K-5th Grade: Room 104
 - Kindergarten—101
 - 1st & 2nd Grade—104
 - 3rd Grade—204
 - 4th & 5th Grade—203

Youth Sunday School

- Middle School: Room 207
- High School: Room 008

Music (after 11:00am service)

- Carolers: Conference Room
- Choristers: Room 004
- Cathedral Ringers: Room 007

The Happenings

Details can be found in the weekly eNews, social media, bulletin boards or the Epiphany Card

- **January 3: Faith Vigil for LGBTQ Rights** – 3:00pm, North Church; hosted by Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN), the Interfaith Coalition on Nondiscrimination (ICON) & Freedom Indiana; a faith vigil supporting updating the Indiana civil rights law to include protections against discrimination for gay and transgender people; bestselling Christian author Phil Gulley, a pastor in Danville, will be the keynote speaker and special music will be performed by singer and songwriter Carrie Newcomer
- **Throughout January: Mid-North Food Pantry Food Drive** – For many years, North has collected canned food during the months of January and July to re-stock the shelves at Mid-North Food Pantry. Items can be placed in the gray bin in the West Entry or dropped off at the Hospitality Desk
- **January 6: Mid-North Shepherd's Center** – 10:00am: Member Feedback (Jeff Linnan); 11:00am: Why People Like Different Music (Jim Briscoe)
- **January 8-9: College Retreat**
- **January 10:**
 - **Second Sunday Lunch** – Following the 11:00am service, Bazbeaux (811 E Westfield Blvd); pre-register via the Connect Card
 - **Youth Group Starts Back**
- **January 16, 23 & 30: North Film Series: Community** – 4:00pm; explore issues of faith that are raised & reflected in cinema through the theme of "community;" after each film, there will be a small group discussion; an alternate movie will be offered for children; event is free; *Lars and the Real Girl* (2007) will be screened on January 16, *Pride* (2014) will be screened on January 23 and *Of Gods and Men* (2010) will be screened on January 30
- **January 24:**
 - **Sacred Journeys Exhibit At The Children's Museum** – Following the 11:00am service, Children's Museum (3000 N Meridian); join the Children's Ministry for an afternoon at the Children's Museum; pre-register by January 17 via the Connect Card
 - **Taize Worship Service** – 5:00pm, Chapel
- **January 27: Board Meeting** – 5:30pm, Parlor
- **Epiphany Overview Cards Available:** Pick up an Epiphany card at the Hospitality Desk to stay informed on what's happening at North during Epiphany



January 3, 2016

PRELUDE Variations on *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*
(Hymn 247) Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Amy Sell

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Arise! Shine! Your light has come;
God's glory is shining upon us!

People: Jesus Christ is the light of the world who overcomes sin, evil and death.

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*OPENING HYMN #237 *Sing We Now of Christmas*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Josh Beach

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 60:1-6 Pew Bible, OT, pg. 649
Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God ...
People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *The March of the Wise Men* H. Gaul
When from the East the wise men came, led by the Star of Bethlehem, the gifts they brought Jesus were of gold and frankincense and myrrh. Bright gold of Ophir, passing fine, proclaims a King of royal line; for David's son in David's town is born the heir of David's crown. The incense clouds with fragrance rare, the presence of a God declare; our gold upon Thine altar lies; our prayers to Thee as incense rise. Lo! Kings in adoration fall, for Mary's Son is Lord of all. Accept as myrrh our tears and sighs, O King, O God, O Sacrifice.

*GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 2:1-12 Pew Bible, NT, pg. 1
Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God ...
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Three Gifts* Darren Cushman Wood

*Please stand as you are able.

*HYMN #254 *We Three Kings*

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

Amy Sell

THE INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON

Leader: With the Magi, let us seek the One
who came to rule in our hearts with grace and peace.
Let us confess our sin before God and one another:

**People: God of glory,
you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world,
to reveal your love for all people.
We confess that our sin and pride
hide the brightness of your light.
We turn away from the poor;
we ignore cries for justice;
we do not strive for peace.**

[silence]

**In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin,
and baptize us once again with your Spirit,
that, forgiven and renewed,
we may show forth your glory
shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Leader: May Almighty God,
who caused light to shine out of darkness,
shine in our hearts, cleansing us from all our sins,
and restore us to the light of the knowledge of God's glory
in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior.

People: Alleluia. Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Darren Cushman Wood

OFFERTORY SOLO

Lullaby

R. Thompson

from Nativity According to St. Luke

Olivia Hacker, soloist

*DOXOLOGY #94 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Darren Cushman Wood

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

...With thanksgiving we offer our very selves
to you to be a living and holy sacrifice,
dedicated to your service.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying you destroyed our death,

Rising you restored our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
now and forever.

Amen.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal pg. 895

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION HYMNS

#617 *I Come with Joy*

#613 *O Thou Who This Mysterious Bread*

#242 *Love Came Down at Christmas* v.1-2

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Darren Cushman Wood

*CLOSING HYMN #242 *Love Came Down at Christmas* v.3

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Toccata on O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*

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Accessibility

- Wheelchair(s) located in west entry
- Wheelchair and elevator access in the west and southwest entries
- Pew cutouts in Sanctuary for wheelchairs
- Hearing enhancement devices available at welcome desk in west entry and tables in east entry of Sanctuary
- Large print hymnals and bulletins available from ushers

Children

We love children to join us in worship. If you prefer, childcare is available for infants-4 year olds in rooms on the main floor. Worship bags are available for all kids in the east entry.

This week's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood

Senior Pastor

Josh Beach

Liturgist

Amy Sell

Minister of Children & Families

Robert A. Schilling

Minister of Worship and the Arts,

1961-2002

Event Sign Ups

- January 10:
Second Sunday Lunch-Bazbeaux
- January 24:
Sacred Journeys Exhibit at the Children's Museum
 - # of Adults: ____
 - # of Children: ____
 - I plan to use my membership: ____
 - I have a "+2 membership" and can share: ____
 - I will need to buy tickets ____