

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: Community Room

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 207
- Amazing Grace: Room 106
- Contemporary Biblical Forum: 009
- On Being: Library
- Power and Light: Room 205
- Sojourners: Room 005
- Usual Suspects: 006

Children Sunday School

- Toddlers: Room 103
- Preschool: Room 102
- K-4th Grade: Chapel
 - Kindergarten—101
 - 1st & 2nd Grade—104
 - 3rd & 4th Grade—204
 - 5th & 6th Grade—203

Youth Sunday School

- Confirmation: Room 202
7th Graders Not In Confirmation: Room 203
- *8th Graders Not In Confirmation: Room 008*
- High School: Room 008

Music (Following 11:00am service)

- Carolers: Conference Room
- Choristers: Room 004
- Joyful Noise: Room 101

The Happenings

Details can be found in the weekly eNews, Facebook/Twitter, bulletin boards or Fall Book

- **December 11:**
 - **Second Sunday Lunch** – Following 11:00am service, Aristocrat (5212 N College); hosted by GenXY, North's Young Adults
 - **Permission Form Due for Youth Progressive Dinner** – 4:30-8:15pm; travel to various houses for dinner on December 18; forms can be found at the Hospitality Desk
- **December 13 & 20: Missing Mary: Advent Small Group Study (updated version)** – 9:30-11:30am, Parlor; explore the spiritual insights of the Mother of Jesus; study guide & group facilitated by Jane Sweet
- **December 14:**
 - **Mid-North Shepherd's Center** – 10:00am: Best Friends School 87 (Jim Stroh & Bob Schilling); 11:00am: Early Indiana Committees (Jim Glass) & NUVO
 - **Christmas Poetry Jam** – 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall; a chance for people to listen, gather, enjoy music & hear Christmas poetry from people in the community; all are welcome
 - **UMW Women of Lydia** – 6:30pm, meet at Sue Childers' home
- **December 18: The Longest Night Service** – 5:00pm, Chapel; a simple service of silence & song, scripture & prayer to acknowledge the gift of letting go & celebrate the gift of holding fast to hope
- **December 21: North Church Board Meeting** – 5:30pm, Parlor
- **December 24: Christmas Eve** – a special offering will be taken for Bread & Bowl, Farmers' Market & the Bishop's Christmas Offering for Children
 - 5:00pm: Children & Family Service – special music by children's choirs & the meaning of Christmas re-imagined through a North Church original drama production performed by children & youth; bring diapers/wipes as an offering to baby Jesus which will be donated to families at Coburn Place
 - 7:30pm: Celebration of Holy Communion – Pastor Darren preaching
 - 10:30pm: Festival of Lessons & Carols – prelude begins at 10:30pm; Pastor Darren preaching
- **December 25: Christmas Day** – 11:00am; celebrate the birth of Christ with one combined service of Christmas carols & blessings
- **Throughout January** – Food drive for Mid-North Food Pantry
- **January 1: New Year's Day Service** – 11:00am; there will be one combined service, a covenant service that renews our commitment to Christ for the New Year
- **January 6: Three Kings Party** – 5:00-8:00pm, Fellowship Hall; celebrate the Epiphany with us & enjoy games & crafts, food & a Kings Cake; fun for the whole family; register to the Hospitality Desk by January 4
- **January 15, 22 & 29: Redneck Liberation Theology** – 9:45am; led by Pastor Darren, this 3-part study explores the history, beliefs & practices of white working class Americans & their relationship with the church



December 11, 2016 3rd Sunday of Advent

CAROL SING

#242

Love Came Down at Christmas

v. 1-3

#238

Angels We Have Heard on High

v. 1-3

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Darren Cushman Wood

*PASSING THE PEACE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: My soul magnifies the Lord;

People: my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Leader: The Mighty One has done great things.

People: Holy is God's name!

*OPENING HYMN #202

People, Look East

v.1-3

*LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

8:30am Donna Sandage & John Drake
11:00am Alice Shoemaker & Tom Woo

Leader: Let the bells toll for the Laughing Lord is on the way.

People: Come, Holy Jesus, and dance with us.

*HYMN #202

People, Look East

v.4

BAPTISM OF BRADEN NATHANIEL BICKEL (11:00)

Son of Alison Bates and Kory Bickel

#2249

God Claims You

refrain (x2)

Braden, Braden, God claims you,

God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.

*Please stand as you are able.


COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Hymnal pg. 43

#2249 *God Claims You* refrain
**Braden, Braden, God claims you,
God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Raphael Mazhandu
**Sovereign God, in these uncertain times,
pour out the joy of your Spirit
so that your Word may blossom in our lives;
through Jesus Christ our way and our hope. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON James 5:7-10 Pew Bible, NT, pg. 217
Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

 11:00 a.m. As the Anthem begins, Kindergarten – 3rd grade are invited to Alternative Worship; please follow the banner leader.

ANTHEM *I was Glad* C. H. Parry
Psalm 122: 1-3, 6 & 7
I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord.
Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem is built as a city, that is in unity in itself.
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem, they shall prosper that love thee.
Peace, peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.

INVITATION TO PRAYER Ronnie Bell

HYMN OF PRAYER #206 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
Leader: God, in your mercy . . .
People: Hear our prayer.

THE LORD’S PRAYER Hymnal pg. 895

ANTHEM *Ave Maria* K. Memley
Voices in Accord

*Ave Maria, gratia plena Dominus tecum. Benedicta tu in mulieribus.
Hail Mary, full of grace, God is with you. Blessed are you among women.
Sancta Maria, ora pro nobis peccatoribus nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.
Holy Mary, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Advent Fantasy* arr. J. Phillips
Cathedral Ringers

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

SECOND LESSON Isaiah 35:1-10 Pew Bible, OT, pg. 623
Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Bells of Joy* Darren Cushman Wood

*CLOSING HYMN #224 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING
Leader: Be patient, beloved ones, and let your hearts be strong,
People: for the coming of the Lord is near. Amen!
Leader: May the grace of the great God be upon you,
the grace of the Virgin Mary’s Son be upon you,
the grace of the perfect Spirit be upon you,
**People: mildly and generously, this day and every day.
Amen!**

POSTLUDE *Love Came Down at Christmas* arr. D. Johnson

The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and in loving memory of Walter N. Shaw by his wife Ruth; his daughters Deborah, Lydia and Susan; his ten grandchildren and his four great-grandchildren.

The white carnation is in celebration of the life of Doris Douglas who passed away on December 6th.

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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
Raphael Mazhandu
Liturgist
Ronnie Bell
Pastor of Mission & Outreach
Mark Gilgallon
Director of Music
Heather Hinton
Organist

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Name: _____
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Event Sign Ups

- January 6: Three Kings Party
 - # of adults _____
 - # of children _____

The Board of Directors recently modified the bylaws to establish a fixed 4-year Board Leadership term of service, with 2 years as Vice Chair followed by 2 years as Chair. Additional details are on the website.

A mini-charge conference will be held December 21 at 5:30pm to consider nominees for North leadership positions. Additional details are on the website.