

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 _____

Please tear here.

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)

- 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 18:**
 - **ELEVATION** – 4:00-6:00pm, Room 203; an evening group for 4th-6th graders with food, games, friends and fun
 - **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 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 21:**
 - **Mid-North Shepherd's Center** – 10:00am: White Elephant Gift Exchange; 10:30am: Shepherd's Singers Holiday Concert; 11:30am: Lunch (MNSC is closed until January 4)
 - **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 & an 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; drop off canned goods to the Hospitality Desk
- **January 1: New Year's Day Service** – 11:00am; one combined service, a covenant service that renews our commitment to Christ for the New Year
- **January 4: Mid-North Shepherd's Center** – 10:00am: Healthy Habits for Adults (Debbie Wright – Oasis); 11:00am: MNSC Update – Moving Forward (Jeff Linnan)
- **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 via the Connect Card 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; sign up via the Connect Card
- **January 15: United Methodist Women (UMW) Sunday** – The UMW National President, Shannon Priddy, is preaching
- **January 22: Taize Worship Service** – 5:00pm, Chapel
- **January 25: 13th Film & Discussion** – 7:00pm; hosted by North's Justice & Advocacy team; view the movie *13th* followed by a discussion of faith & social justice; the documentary analyzes the depth of injustices of the United States' criminal justice system; register via the Connect Card



December 18, 2016 4th Sunday of Advent

CAROL SING

#217

Away in a Manger

#249

There's a Song in the Air

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Darren Cushman Wood

*PASSING THE PEACE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lift high the name of Jesus

who saves the people from their sins.

People: Come, Emmanuel. May God dwell among us.

*OPENING HYMN #203

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

v.1-3

*LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

8:30am Shannon Priddy

11:00am The Bonner Family

Leader: Praise God with clanging cymbals;

praise the Lord with loud clashing cymbals!

People: Come, Holy Jesus. May God dwell among us.

*HYMN #203

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

v. 4

CAROLERS' ANTHEM (11:00)

One Small Lamb

M. Barret

Jim Caraher, piano; Denise Caraher, director

Shepherd, sleeping in the night, go to Bethlehem, Shepherd, open up your eyes, go to Bethlehem, leave behind your ewes and rams, go in search of one small Lamb, the Son of God, the Great I Am! Go to Bethlehem. Shepherd, there's no need of fear, go to Bethlehem, we have something you must hear, go to Bethlehem, this to you will be a sign, in the manger you will find the Lamb of God for humankind! Go to Bethlehem! Shepherd, do you wonder why? Go to Bethlehem. You must leave your sheep behind, Go to Bethlehem. Shepherd, do you understand? Do you know what God has planned?

**Please stand as you are able.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Langston Graves

God of grace,
ever faithful to your promises,
through the inspiration of your Holy Spirit
prepare our minds to hear your word
and prepare our hearts to receive the Savior,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 7:10-16 Pew Bible, OT, pg. 598

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


ANTHEM (8:30) The Hands That First Held Mary's Child D. Forrest

The hands that first held Mary's child were hard from working wood. From boards they sawed and planed and filed and splinters they withstood. This day they gripped no tool of steel, they drove no iron nail, but cradled from the head to heel our Lord, newborn and frail. When Joseph marveled at the size of that small breathing frame, and gazed upon those bright new eyes and spoke the infant's name, the angel's words he once had dreamed poured down from heaven's height, and like the host of stars that beamed blessed earth with welcome light. "This child shall be Emmanuel, not God upon the throne, but God with us, Emmanuel, as close as blood and bone." The tiny form in Joseph's palms confirmed what he had heard, and from his heart rose hymns and psalms for heaven's human word. The tools that Joseph laid aside a mob would later lift and use with anger, fear, and pride to crucify God's gift. Let us, O Lord, not only hold the child who's born today, but charged with faith may we behold to follow in His way.

CHORISTERS AND DADS (11:00) Do You Hear What I Hear Regney/Shayne
Grace Geeganage, piano; Rosie Jordan, director

Said the night wind to the little lamb, "Do you see what I see—way up in the sky, little lamb? Do you see what I see? A star, a star, dancing in the night with a tail as big as a kite!"
Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy, "Do you hear what I hear—ringing through the sky, shepherd boy? Do you hear what I hear? A song, a song high above the tree with a voice as big as the sea!"
Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king, "Do you know what I know—in your palace warm, mighty king? Do you know what I know? A Child, a Child shivers in the cold. Let us bring Him silver and gold."
Said the king to the people everywhere, "Listen to what I say. Pray for peace, people everywhere! The Child, the Child sleeping in the night, He will bring us goodness and light."

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE #801 Psalm 80 Ronnie Bell

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

HYMN OF PRAYER #230 O Little Town of Bethlehem v.1-3

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal pg. 895

HYMN OF PRAYER #230 O Little Town of Bethlehem v. 4

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM As Joseph was A-walking arr. J. Fankhauser

As Joseph was a walking, he heard an angel sing.
This night there shall be born our gracious heavenly King.
He neither shall be born in house nor in hall,
nor in the place of Paradise, but in an oxen stall.
He neither shall be clothed in purple nor in pall;
but all in fair white linen as wear sweet babies all.
He neither shall be bedded in silver nor in gold,
but in a wooden cradle that rocks out in the cold.
As Joseph was a walking, thus did the angel sing,
and Mary's child at midnight was born to be our King.

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

*GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 1:18-25 Pew Bible, NT, pg. 1

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

SERMON Fear Factor Darren Cushman Wood

*CLOSING HYMN #240 Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE A Boy is Born in Bethlehem arr. R. Groom te Velde

The flowers on the altar today are given for the glory of God
by the Benedict, Eades and Sottong families.

Confirmand Bio:
My name is Langston Graves and I am 12 years old. I am in the
6th grade at Sidener Academy. I am interested in engineering and
enjoy participating on my school robotics team. I also like to swim
and play golf.

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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
Langston Graves
Liturgist
Ronnie Bell
Pastor of Mission & Outreach
Mark Gilgallon
Director of Music
Heather Hinton
Organist

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Event Sign Ups

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