

**We will pray for them,
that they may be true disciples
who walk in the way that leads to life.**

Leader: The Holy Spirit in us and among us
confirming that we are all children of God
and heirs of salvation.
May the Holy Spirit continue to work within us,
that having been born through water and the Spirit,
we may live together as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #369 *Blessed Assurance* vs. 2 & 3

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* arr. R. Hobby

*The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God
by the Hospitality, Evangelism, and Membership (HEM) Team
to celebrate North Church, a church that welcomes ALL people for
participation and leadership, and to hope for a United Methodist
Church that chooses to do the same.*

Wednesday Night Covenant Bible Study

- **Wednesdays, beginning in Lent**
 - **March 13-May 1**
 - **5:30 - 7:30 p.m.**
 - **Dinner at 5:30**
- **Small break-out study groups**
- **Child care provided**
- **Sign-up opportunities in west entry or at the hospitality desk**

Mark your calendars now!

The Happenings

Today:

- Joyful Noise, Carolers and Choristers rehearsals immediately following 11:00 a.m. service.
- ELEVATION (third through fifth grade), 4-6 p.m., Room 203.
- Taizé service, 5 p.m., Chapel.
- Youth Group (sixth - 12th grade), 5 - 7:30 p.m., lower level.

Feb. 27:

- Book study on "What is the Least I Can Believe and Still be a Christian? A Guide to What Matters Most" by Martin Thielen, 6:30-8 p.m., Thr3e Wise Men Brewing Co., 1021 Broad Ripple Ave.
- Women of Lydia Circle meeting, 7 p.m., Club Room.

Feb. 28: Miriam Circle meeting, noon, Parlor.

March 1: Last day to sign up for Appalachian Service Project.

March 2 and each Saturday through the end of May: Gentle yoga class for all ages and abilities, 9 a.m., \$5/class.

March 3:

- East Tenth UMC Community Dinner starting at 5 p.m. Volunteers needed starting at 3:45 p.m.
- Last day to purchase tickets for the Indy Fuel hockey game and free skate on Sunday, March 24. Tickets are \$13 and you can register and pay at the Hospitality Desk.

March 5: Mardi Gras, 5:30-7 p.m., Celebrate "Fat Tuesday" with a pancake dinner prepared and served by church staff, and enjoy festive music. Please register at the Hospitality Desk.

March 6: Ash Wednesday. North will hold its services at 7:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. in the Chapel. East Tenth UMC will hold a service at noon. At 6:30 p.m. both congregations will come together for a worship service at East Tenth UMC, 2327 E. 10th St.

March 10: Care and Nurture Team and Green Team's meatless lunch and movie, noon.

March 13 and each Wednesday through May 1: Covenant Bible Study, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

March 16:

- Children and Families Ministry Lenten Day Retreat, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sign up at the hospitality desk.
- Mixed-level yoga class begins, 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., \$5/class. Please register by e-mailing Pastor Diane at dgattone@northchurchindy.com.

March 17: Green Team book exchange, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Parlor.

March 24: Indy Fuel hockey game and free skate, 3:05 p.m., Indiana State Fairgrounds.

March 29-31: Youth Lenten Retreat at Camp Allendale in Trafalgar for students in grades 6-12. For more information please e-mail Cory Unthank at coryunthank@northchurchindy.com. Sign up by March 10 online or at the hospitality desk.



February 24, 2019 Witness for Inclusion & Confirmation Sunday

PRELUDE *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* arr. S. Lloyd
Cathedral Ringers

ANNOUNCEMENTS Amy Sell

*CALL TO WORSHIP Darren Cushman Wood

Leader: Insiders and outcasts,
friends and foes,
disciples and disputers
in the name of Jesus,
People: welcome to the house of peace.
Leader: Searchers and strangers,
skeptics and sinners,
dreamers and doubters
in the name of Jesus,

People: welcome to the home of grace.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #57 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* v. 1-5, 7

WELCOME Jacqueline Blackwell & Alan Archibald, co-Lay Leaders

CHORISTERS' ANTHEM (11:00) *Unity* G. Moone
Tona Dorrell, piano; Rosie Jordan, director
Behold how good and how pleasant it is for all of us to dwell together in unity.
Unity, Lord we pray for unity.

**Please stand as you are able.*

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION (11:00)

Hymnal pg. 43

David Barker (Baptized)
Samuel Fetuga (Baptized)
Mariama Bayon (Baptized)
Simon Chen (Confirmed)
Evan Cahoon (Confirmed)
Lauren Hand (Confirmed)
Will Hamstra (Confirmed)
Emma Rogers (Confirmed)
Ashley Pipkin (Confirmed)
Lizette Welch (Confirmed)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Written by the Confirmation Class of 2018-19

**We believe in the parent God,
creator of heaven and earth,
and source of never-ending grace,
who loves, protects, accepts, and forgives us,
and invites us into a life of faith.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
the son of God and Word made flesh,
who came to earth
to teach us his ways of love and forgiveness,
and was the perfect lamb,
sacrificed for the forgiveness of our sins.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the breath and unseen form of God in us all,
our life-bringing companion
and our intercessor in prayer.**

**We believe in the Church,
our safe-haven for our perfectly imperfect family,
the community in which we worship
and serve together,
where everyone is accepted,
regardless of who they are.**

**So we, as the children of God,
accept and trust in the Trinity,
as we take our place in the Church universal. Amen.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Amy Sell

FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 31:31-34 Pew Bible, OT, pg. 691

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Fill-a Me Up!

P. Choplin

Fill-a me up, come-a Holy Spirit, fill-a me up to the top-a my soul.

Fill-a me up, come-a Holy Spirit, fill-a me up now and take control.

So may things try to fill me up. So many things try to weigh me down.

Fill-a my heart now until you stay and chase the other things away. *Refrain.*

Now my heart is an open door. Here your Spirit is welcome, Lord.

Fill-a my heart now and let it grow and change my life so all will know. *Refrain*

Come, O Spirit, come. Now come, O Spirit, come.

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Ronnie Bell

HYMN OF PRAYER #560

Help Us Accept Each Other

v. 1

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH



Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;



5 teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

HYMN OF PRAYER #560

Help Us Accept Each Other

v. 4

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Ronnie Bell

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Our God

arr. R. Mallory
Cathedral Ringers

*DOXOLOGY #94

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

SECOND LESSON

Galatians 3:23-29

Pew Bible, NT, pg. 178

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Confirming not Conforming

Darren Cushman Wood

HYMN #369

Blessed Assurance

v. 1

RESOLUTION FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ron Gifford, Board President

*LITANY OF AFFIRMATION

Leader: In Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith.

There is no longer Jew or Greek,

slave or free, male or female;

for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

Therefore, let us affirm what we believe

and practice what we confess:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,

reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sins?

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you

to resist evil, injustice, and oppression

in whatever forms they present themselves?

People: In the name of Christ,

we renounce the spiritual forces of hatred,

reject the evil powers of exclusion,

repent of our silence and selfishness,

and resist the injustice of discrimination.

Leader: Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,

put your whole trust in his grace,

and promise to serve him as your Lord,

in union with the Church

which Christ has opened

to people of all ages, nations, and races?

People: We confess

Jesus Christ is the center of our faith and life together,

whose grace is offered to all.

We commit to serve Jesus as Lord

in the Church which Christ has opened

to people of all ages, nations, races, abilities, genders,

and orientations.

Leader: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life

and include all persons whom God brings into your care?

People: With God's help we will proclaim the good news

and live according to the example of Christ.

We will surround all persons

with a community of love and forgiveness,

that they may grow in their trust of God,

and be found faithful in their service to others.