

Connect Card

*Please place completed form
in offering plate*

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

in the Community Room

- 8:30-10:15 a.m.
- Following 11 a.m. service

Child Care During Worship

Provided for infants-4 year olds

during both worship services and

Sunday school

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

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

Adult Sunday School

- Affirming Group: Room 202
- Sojourners: Room 005
- Power and Light: Room 205
- Young Adults: Room 009

Children Sunday School

- Toddlers: Room 103
- Preschool: Room 102
- K – 1st grade: Room 101
- 2nd – 3rd grade: Room 104
- 4th – 5th grade: Room 203

Youth Sunday School

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

Music

(Following 11 a.m. service)

- Joyful Noise: Room 101
- Carolers: Conference Room
- Choristers: Room 004
- Cathedral Ringers: Room 007

Join Us This Holiday Season!

Sunday, Dec. 1, 5:30-7:30 p.m.: **Advent Festival.** Join us for a beautiful all-church celebration of tradition and music complete with a pitch-in dinner. Meat and drinks are provided by the church and we ask all guests to bring a dessert or side dish to share. Part of this special event will be held outdoors in our courtyard.

Sunday, Dec. 22, 5 p.m.: **Longest Night Service.** For many of us holidays are difficult, even painful, at times. This simple service of silence and song, scripture and prayer will acknowledge the gift of letting go and celebrate the gift of holding fast to hope.

Tuesday, Dec. 24, 5, 7:30 and 10:30 p.m.:

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services.

- 5 p.m.: Children and Families Service. Special music by our children's choirs and the meaning of Christmas re-imagined through a North Church original drama production performed by children and youth.
- 7:30 p.m.: Celebration of Holy Communion. In addition to sharing in communion, we will enjoy the Rossi Clarinet Consort and Voices in Accord. Pastor Darren will deliver the message.
- 10:30 p.m.: Festival of Lessons and Carols. Although this service doesn't technically begin until 11 p.m. you won't want to miss the prelude music, which will start at 10:30 p.m. and will include Vivaldi's "Gloria." Pastor Darren will preach. We'll enjoy the traditional individual candle-lighting right before midnight.

Dec. 29: 11 a.m.: **Last Sunday of the Year;** one combined worship service.



Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2019

Special Music: The Indianapolis Children's Choir

Conducted by Leeann Starkey and Melissa Garcia

Accompanied by Marlene Scharbrough

PRELUDE *Now Thank We All Our God* from *Cantata* #79 J. S. Bach

WELCOME Tiffany Williams

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come and worship,
everyone on earth,
everywhere the sun shines,

People: let us praise God together!

Leader: For listening when we call,
answering our prayers,
forgiving our mistakes,
and providing what we need:

People: let us praise God together!

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everyone on earth,
everywhere the sun shines,

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*HYMN #131 *We Gather Together*

*We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens his will to make known.
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.*

*Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;
Thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be thine!*

*We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
And pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy name be ever praised, O Lord, make us free!*

OPENING PRAYER

FIRST READING 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

**Please stand as you are able.*

ANTHEM *Peace Like a River* arr. Douglas Beam

*GOSPEL READING Luke 17:11-19

MEDITATION *Having a Thankful Heart* Amy Sell

ANTHEM *Amani Utupe* Patsy Ford Sims
(Translation: Grant us peace, give us courage.)

OFFERTORY PRAYER Tiffany Williams

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Prelude on Now Thank We All Our God* Sigfrid Karg-Elert
Today's offering supports the work of the Mid-North Food Pantry, a cooperative ministry of our neighborhood churches. Each year the Mid-North Food Pantry feeds over 5,000 families in our neighborhood.

*LITANY OF THANKSGIVING Amy Sell

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord who is good.

People: God's love is everlasting.

Leader: Come, let us praise God joyfully.

People: Let us come to God with thanksgiving.

Leader: For the good world;
for things great and small, beautiful and awesome;
for seen and unseen splendors;

People: Thank you, God.

Leader: For human life;
for talking and moving and thinking together;
for common hopes and hardships
shared from birth until our dying;

People: Thank you, God.

Leader: For work to do and strength to work;
for the comradeship of labor;
for exchanges of good humor and encouragement;

People: Thank you, God.

Leader: For family;
for living together and eating together;
for family support and family pleasures;

People: Thank you, God.

Leader: For children;
for their energy and curiosity;
for their joyous play and startling honesty;
for their tender sympathies;

People: Thank you, God.

Leader: For growing up and growing old;
for wisdom deepened by experience;
for rest in leisure and for time made precious by its passing;

People: Thank you, God.

Leader: For your help in times of doubt and sorrow;
for healing our diseases;
for preserving us in temptation and danger;

**People: We thank and praise you, Eternal God,
for all your goodness to us.**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord who is good.

People: God's love is everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN #102 *Now Thank We All Our God*

*Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

*O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed;
and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.*

ANTHEM *Shalom Chaverim* Hebrew Folk Song
(Translation: Peace, my friends, until we meet again.)

*DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Toccatà in B Minor* Eugène Gigout

Family Prayer of Thanks

Dear God, I'm thankful for all you give. For food, for love, for a place to live. I thank you for my family too and want you to know that I love you. Amen.

Family Prayer of Thanks Activity

Place a candy corn on each plate at the table. As people gather at their seats, each person picks up their piece of candy corn and says what they are thankful for. Place the candy corn in a small bowl and pass it to the next person. The last person to receive the bowl can say a blessing (see the prayer of thanks) for all we are thankful for.

The Mid-North Food Pantry's (MNFP) mission and vision is to enhance the health of our mid-north neighborhoods by providing supplemental food and basic necessities for our neighbors in need. This process includes neighbors serving neighbors with compassion, dignity, and respect while eradicating hunger and food insecurity in our community.

*The MNFP provides the following services:
supplemental food/basic necessities, nutritional information, nutritional cooking classes, and referrals to service agencies.
MNFP is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and every fourth Sunday at 3333 N. Meridian Street.*

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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 on Sunday morning. 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.

Worship Leaders

Tiffany Williams
Pastor of Mission & Outreach
Amy Sell
Minister of Discipleship & Formation
Robert A. Schilling
Guest organist
North's Minister of Worship and the Arts 1961-2002

Prayer Card

This Thanksgiving, we would like to pray for you and/or your loved ones- place your requests in the offering plate

Please pray for:

- Illness
- Surgery
- Hospital
- Employment
- Family
- Other: _____

Submitted by: _____

- Share my request only with the pastoral care staff
- I would like a call from someone on the pastoral care staff- Phone#: _____

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