



## Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 27, 2024

Special Music: The Indianapolis Children's Choir

Directed by Abbie Hunter & Andy Himelick

Accompanied by Markel Pipkins

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

WELCOME Brandon Wallace

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon the earth.

**People: Let all the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.**

Leader: The earth has brought forth its increase;  
may God, our own God, bless us.

**People: Let all the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.**

\*HYMN #62 *All Creatures of Our God and King* vs. 1-3

OPENING PRAYER Anna Haste

FIRST READING Psalm 69:29-36

ANTHEM *Irish Lullaby* ICC

SECOND READING Philippians 4:4-9 Brandon Wallace

MEDITATION *Feast on Thanksgiving*

ANTHEM *For Thy Gracious Blessing* ICC

OFFERTORY PRAYER Lydia Shaw

OFFERTORY MUSIC *For the Beauty of the Earth  
Now the Day is Over*

*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 Lydia Shaw

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord who is good.

**People: God's love is everlasting.**

Leader: Come, let us praise God joyfully.

*\*Please stand as you are comfortable and able.*

**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 #400

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

ANTHEM

*We're Free*

ICC

\*DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

Brandon Wallace

POSTLUDE

*Now Thank We All Our God*

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

### **Worship Leaders**

Brandon Wallace, *Minister of Christian Education*

Rev. Robert A Schilling, *Organist*

Anna Haste & Lydia Shaw, *Liturgists*

John Hague & James Horton, *Audio Visual*

## Join Us This Holiday Season!

Sunday, December 1, 4:30-6:30 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, December 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, December 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.
- 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.

December 29: 11:00 a.m.: **Last Sunday of the Year**; one combined worship service.

Watch our services online. Click the livestreaming button at the top of our website: [www.northchurchindy.com](http://www.northchurchindy.com)

### Sundays at North include:

#### **Sunday Morning Hospitality**

*All are welcome in the Community Room for coffee and fellowship 8:30-10:15 a.m. and following 11 a.m. service*

#### **Child Care During Worship**

*Provided for infants-4 year olds during both worship services and Sunday school in Room 102*

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

Adult Sunday School

- Sojourners: Room 005
- Sophia Class: Room 205
- Power and Light: Room 202
- Family Support: Room 009

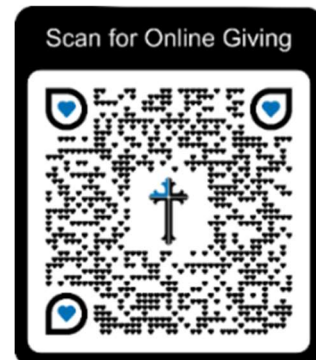
Children/Youth Sunday School

- Pre-K – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Room 101
- 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade: Youth Room

#### **Music**

(Following 11:00 a.m. service)

- Handbell Ensemble: Rm 004
- Carolers: Club Room
- Choristers: Choir Room



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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