

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
- Music Ministries
- Outreach and Missions
- Care and Nurture Ministries
- Hospitality Ministries
- Green Team
- Reconciling Ministries
- United Methodist Women
- Justice and Advocacy

Other/Comments

Sundays at North

Sunday Morning Hospitality

All are welcome

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

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
- Usual Suspects: Room 004
- Power & Light: Room 009

Children Sunday School

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

The Happenings

Details can be found in the weekly eNews, social media, bulletin boards or the Spring Book.

Today:

- Sunday Supper sign up, 8 a.m., West Entry.

April 2:

- Children's Ministry Spring Break Fun and Service Day, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Today is the deadline to sign up.
- Each Tuesday through May 7: Covenant Bible Study afternoon session, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

April 3 and each Wednesday through April 17: Weekly Communion, 7:30 a.m., Chapel.

April 3 and each Wednesday through May 1: Covenant Bible Study, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

April 6 and each Saturday through the end of May:

- Gentle yoga class, 9 a.m., \$7/class.
- Mixed-level yoga class, 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., \$7/class. To register for either class, e-mail Pastor Diane: dgattone@northchurchindy.com.

April 7:

- UMW Sunday Supper at Noon, Fellowship Hall. \$10/adult, \$5/child under 10 and \$30/household max. Please sign up at the Hospitality Desk, through the Connect Card, or at the table in the West Entry.
- East Tenth UMC Community Dinner starting at 5 p.m. Volunteers needed starting at 3:45 p.m.

April 13: Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m., parking lot. Sign up to volunteer via the Connect Card. Volunteers needed Friday, April 12 at 10 a.m. to fill eggs and at 10 a.m. the day of the event.

April 14:

- Palm Sunday, including a neighborhood parade beginning at 10:30 a.m. by the Peace Pole.
- ELEVATION (third through fifth grades), 4-6 p.m., Room 203.

April 18: Holy Thursday service, 7 p.m., Chapel and Courtyard. Child care provided.

April 19:

- Community Good Friday service, 12 p.m., Chapel.
- John Rutter's "Requiem" with orchestra, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary. Child care provided.

April 20: Annual clean-up of the church grounds headed by the Sojourners Sunday school class.

April 21: Easter services, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

April 23: Women of Lydia meeting, 7 p.m., Club Room.

April 25: Miriam Circle, noon, Parlor.

April 27: Cookies and Canvas, 1-4 p.m., \$5/child or \$15/family; register at Hospitality Desk by April 21.

North Church Series on Theology and Contemporary Issues

On Sunday, May 5, Dr. Serene Jones, one of our nation's leading theologians, will deliver the sermon at both of our worship services. Following a free lunch, she'll also present a lecture entitled "What's Grace Got to Do With It?" in Fellowship Hall. You won't want to miss it!



March 31, 2019
4th Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE *At the Name of Jesus* arr. D. Cherwien

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Darren Cushman Wood

*PASSING THE PEACE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, you searchers and strivers;
God is faithful to meet us here.

People: We long for the renewal of our faith.

Leader: Come, you dreamers and doubters;
God is faithful to meet us here.

People: We pray for the restoration of our hope.

Leader: Come, you who are lost and lonely;
God is faithful to meet us here.

People: We gather for the revival of our love.

Leader: God our guide and guardian meets us here.

*OPENING HYMN #648 *God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Peter Chen

FIRST LESSON 1 John 4:1-6 Pew Bible, NT, pg. 226

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *O Love* E. Hagenberg

O Love, that will not let me go, O Love, I rest my weary soul in Thee; I give Thee back the life I owe, that in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.
O Joy, that seeks me through the pain, O Joy, I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.

**Please stand as you are able.*

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE #752 Psalm 22:1-18, 25-31 Ronnie Bell

INVITATION TO PRAYER

HYMN OF PRAYER #2181 *We Need a Faith* v.1-3

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: The Gentle Savior is here and is listening for our cry.
With honest and humble hearts, let us confess our sins:

People: Forgive us, Lord Jesus, for our stubborn resistance that scoffs at your way, our comfortable arrogance that rejects your truth, and our lazy faith that avoids your life. Touch our souls and trouble our hearts until we are made new in the Spirit. Amen.

[silent prayer]


Leader: God makes no bargains.
God cuts no deals.
But God always offers the gift of new life in Christ.
In the name of Jesus, our sins are forgiven
and we can begin anew.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

HYMN OF PRAYER #2181 *We Need a Faith* v.4
 11:00 a.m. As the Hymn of Prayer continues, Kindergarten – 2nd graders are invited to Alternative Worship in Room 104; please follow the banner leader.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Ancient Words* L. Deshazo
Mark Gilgallon, soloist

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world, they resound with God's own heart, Oh, let the ancient words impart. Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope. In this world where'er we roam, ancient words will guide us home. Ancient words, ever true, changing me and changing you; we have come with open hearts, Oh, let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age, came to us through sacrifice, Oh, heed the faithful words of Christ. Ancient words, ever true, changing me and changing you; we have come with open hearts, Oh, let the ancient words impart.

*LENTEN DOXOLOGY

***Praise God throughout these forty days.
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.***

*GOSPEL LESSON

Leader: A reading from the Gospel according to Mark.
Hear the Gospel of Christ.

People: Glory to Christ our Savior.

Mark 2:23-28 Pew Bible, NT, pg. 34

Leader: This is the Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to Christ our Lord.

SERMON Darren Cushman Wood

*Lenten Series: A How-To Guide to the Bible
Part 4: How to Question the Bible*

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #2120 *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* arr. D. Blackwell

Board of Directors

- Ron Gifford, Chair
- Marie Powell, Vice-Chair
- Troy Barker, Secretary
- Jack Leonard, Treasurer
- Jeff Bonner, Trustees Rep
- Linda McClain, SPRC Rep
- John Drake, Finance Rep
- Peter Chen, Member-at-Large
- Leslie Knox, Member-at-Large
- Jeff Eggert, Member-at-Large

Alan Archibald, Ministries Council Chair & Lay Leader
Jacqueline Blackwell, Lay Member to Annual Conference & Lay Leader

North United Methodist Church

3808 North Meridian Street
Indianapolis, IN 46208
(317) 924-2612
www.northchurchindy.com
www.facebook.com/northchurchindy
@NorthChurchIndy

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, child care 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
- Peter Chen
Liturgist
- Ronnie Bell
Pastor of Mission & Outreach
- Mark Gilgallon
Director of Music
- Heather Hinton
Organist

Connect Card

*Please place completed form
in offering plate*

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Sign Ups

○ April 2, Spring Break
Fun Day
____ # of participants

○ April 7, Sunday Supper
____ adults
____ children under 10
____ takeout

○ Easter Egg Hunt
____ volunteer to fill eggs
on Friday, April 12
____ day of helper,
April 13

○ April 27, Cookies and
Canvas
____ children
____ adults

○ Volunteer to collect
weekly attendance after
the second service