

*Our Mission:
Love God
Love Others
Make Disciples*



*Our Vision:
Be the hands
and feet
of Christ*

**Northgate United Methodist Church
November 14, 2021
Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Sermon: The Gift of Giving**

Prelude

Greeting & Announcements

NOTE: † Congregation, please stand as you are able.

NOTE: † Congregation, please respond together.

†Call to Worship

Christ is waiting here for us.

To welcome us.

To show you the path of life.

To love us.

To hear our prayers.

To be present with us always.

Come and worship.

We are here to praise the Lord!

†Opening Prayer

Creator God, we give you thanks for this day, for the breath of life in our bodies, and for the ability to gather here as your faithful followers. During this time, may our prayers be honest and heartfelt. May we support and encourage one another. May our words be kind and compassionate. May we be inspired by your Holy Spirit to do good deeds, and to love without question or boundaries. And may we glorify you with our whole being. In the name of Christ, we pray. **AMEN.**

†Opening Hymn

Great is Thy Faithfulness

UMH 140, vs. 1 & 2

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.**

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.**

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

Concerns of the Community

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. AMEN.

‡Hymn

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

UMH 400, vs. 1 & 3

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.**

**O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth;
 and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and buried;
 the third day he rose from the dead;
 he ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
 from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. AMEN.**

Young Disciples’ Time

Jay Marsh

Anthem

Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart

Choir

‡Scripture

2 Corinthians 9:1-15

9 Now it is not necessary for me to write you about the ministry to the saints, ² for I know your eagerness, which is the subject of my boasting about you to the people of Macedonia, saying that Achaia has been ready since last year; and your zeal has stirred up most of them. ³ But I am sending the brothers in order that our boasting about you may not prove to have been empty in this case, so that you may be ready, as I said you would be; ⁴ otherwise, if some Macedonians come with me and find that you are not ready, we would be humiliated—to say nothing of you—in this undertaking.^[a] ⁵ So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you, and arrange in advance for this bountiful gift that you have promised, so that it may be ready as a voluntary gift and not as an extortion.

⁶ The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹ As it is written,

“He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;
his righteousness^[b] endures forever.”

¹⁰ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.^[c] ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; ¹² for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. ¹³ Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, ¹⁴ while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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

Sermon

“The Gift of Giving”

Pastor Jennifer

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

‡Closing Hymn

My Tribute

UMH 99

**To God be the glory, to God be the glory,
to God be the glory for the things he has done.
With his blood he has saved me;
with his power he has raised me;
to God be the glory for the things he has done.**

‡ Benediction

‡ Choral Response

Freely, Freely

**He said, “Freely, freely you have received, freely, freely give.
Go in my name, and because you believe, others will know that I live.”**

‡ Postlude

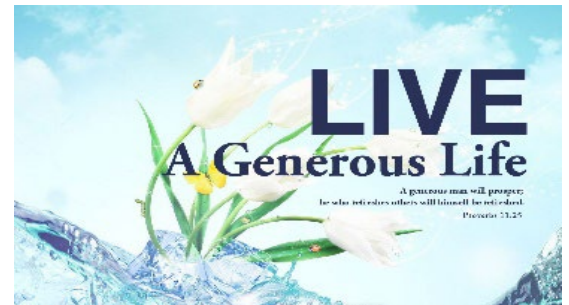
Today’s Worship Leaders

Preacher..... Rev. Jennifer Kilpatrick
Liturgist Gail Blythe
Music Director David Forbus
Accompanist..... Laura Benton
A/V Team Cary Marsalis, Jay Marsh



Traditional Worship Service in-person or online at 10:45 a.m.

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Upcoming Worship Services
Sermon Series November 21
"A Generous Life"
Week 3 - November 21 "The Blessing of Giving"

November 28, 2021
First Sunday of Advent
Begin 7-week Advent Sermon Series
Scripture: Luke 21:25-36
Sermon title: Time to Go Home
Sermon series: Come Home for Christmas (week one of seven)