



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

7th Sunday of Easter

May 24, 2020

GATHERING

Prelude

Voluntary

William Selby
arr. Drummond Wolff

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship — based on Psalm 118

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;

God's Easter love endures forever.

In our anguish we cried to the Lord,
and God answered by setting us free.

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;

God's Easter love endures forever.

The Lord is our strength and our song;
God has become our salvation.

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;

God's Easter love endures forever.

We will not die but live,
and we will proclaim what the Lord has done.

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;

God's Easter love endures forever.

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;

The Lord has done this; and it is marvelous in our eyes.

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;

God's Easter love endures forever.

Hymn #475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God,
in raising Jesus from the grave,
you shattered the power of sin and death.
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
often bound by the ways that lead to death.
We overlook the poor and the hungry
and pass by those who mourn;
we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed
and indifferent to calls for peace;
we despise the weak
and abuse the earth you made.
Forgive us, God of mercy.
Help us to trust your power
to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the joy of life abundant
given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.
Hear our prayers ...**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hymn #468

In My Life

Blessing of Austin Emener on the occasion of his graduation

LISTENING

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 9:16-27

Sermon

Play the game in such a way that you may win it

DEPARTING

Hymn #450

Be Thou My Vision

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

Departing Prayer

Benediction

Response

Northumbria Community

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you, wherever he may send you. May he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm. May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you. May he bring you home rejoicing, once again into our doors.

Postlude



INFORMATION

Welcome to our guests!

If you are worshipping online with us for the first time, we are so thankful to have you watching. We hope that the word of God gives you peace and encouragement and you will plan to join us in person when we are able to reopen our doors for public gatherings.

Pastoral Care

Pastor Ralph welcomes and encourages opportunities to share in fellowship, pastoral conversation, and spiritual discernment. He keeps office hours most mornings at the church, but is always available by appointment. You are always welcome to call or text at 478-250-3355 or to reach out by email: pastorhawkins@northminstermacon.org

Lectionary Readings

May 24, 7th Sunday of Easter – Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11
May 31, Day of Pentecost – Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23

PRAYER CONCERNS

If you have a need or a request for prayer, please contact the church office at 477-6646, or you could join us at our prayer group that meets the third Thursday of the month at 10:00 AM in Room 108.

Current Member Concerns: Ann R. Smith; Karen Jones; Jewel James; Riley Brown; Ann Hall; Jane Ebey; John Hurst; John Geerlings; Grace Goodwin; Edward Gleaton, Jr. & Family; Mary Ann Ellis; Kathy Wheeler; Everette "Pat" Poole

Current Friends and Family Concerns: Margaret Yawn; Donna Carole Kitchens; Nelda Crow; Katherine Crownover

Military Personnel Prayer List: Austin Riley; T. Wright Goodwin, IV; James C. Watwood; Joshua Sulkers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The schedule for all Sunday events, including morning connections, worship, and yoga, will be evaluated on a weekly basis and publicized via email and Facebook. If you or someone you know is either not receiving the emails or need to receive a phone call with updates, please let Jennifer know (admin@northminstermacon.org or 478-477-6646)

40 Days of Easter Food Drive

Each non-Sunday day in the Easter season, beginning after Easter Sunday, add an item to a box for Loaves & Fishes and its ministry with our homeless and indigent neighbors here in Macon. When halfway or completely filled, bring your box to the church or contact the church office and we will send one of our older youth who drive out to your house to pick it up. Please be sure to only include food packaged in boxes, cans, or plastic containers. **Loaves and Fishes cannot accept glass non-perishables.** Items you can collect this week include:

Monday – Can of soup

Wednesday – Powdered milk

Tuesday – Package of egg noodles

Thursday – your favorite candy bar!

Puzzling Times

During these "puzzling times", several NPC members have enjoyed working on and swapping jigsaw puzzles. A collection of puzzles is being amassed at the church for YOU to enjoy!

They will be housed on shelves in the room next to Ralph's office. Feel free to borrow one at any time. If you would like to add to the collection, just drop the puzzles off at the church. When you complete one, please list your name/date on the inside of the box top. Enjoy!

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Our calling at Northminster is to make disciples, to grow in faith together, and to serve others in Christ.

CONGREGATION: Ministers of the Good News

SESSION of Ruling Elders: Sam Alderman, III; Boyd Ellison; Judy Hill; Ricky Smith; Ann Weaver;
Emily Brown; Beau Kitchens; Lynn Denny; Charlotte Nolan; Sandra Ridgeway

RALPH HAWKINS, Pastor and Teaching Elder PAUL EVANS, Parish Associate
SANDRA SMITH, Music Director KAREN JONES, Clerk of Session
BENJAMIN GAIL, Sexton JENNIFER WHITEHEAD, Ministry Assistant

Office hours this week: Various

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