



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

23rd Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 2020
10:30am

GATHERING

Welcome

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

Prelude

Now that Daylight Fills the Sky

Dale Wood

Call to Worship - based on Hymn 612

We praise you, our God, our Redeemer, Creator.

In grateful devotion our worship we bring.

We lay our hearts before you; we sing and adore you.

We bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

With our voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.

With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.

To you, our great Redeemer, forever be our praise!

We praise you, our God, our Redeemer, Creator.

Morning Prayer

*Hymn #612

We Praise You, O God



We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor; in grate - ful de -
We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and moth - ers; through tri - al and
With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer and glad - ly our



vo - tion our trib - ute we bring. We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a -
tem - pest our guide you have been. When per - ils o're - take us, you will not for -
songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise. With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will



dore you; we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
sake us, and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
guide us. To you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

Call to Gratitude

Gratitude

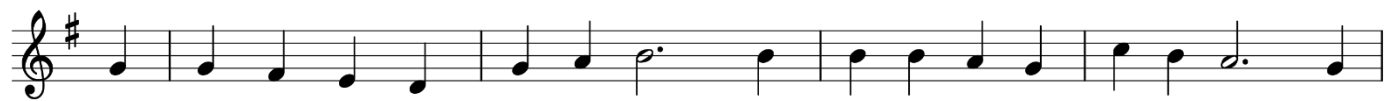
**Father in heaven, we give thanks today for life
and the rich experiences life brings us.
We thank you for our joys, sorrows, trials, failures, and triumphs.
Above all we thank you for the hope we have in Jesus,
that we shall find true fulfillment in him.
We have learned that every good thing in our lives
is ultimately a good gift from you.
Enable us to use these things for the good of all
and to bring glory to your saving name.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
hear our prayers of thanksgiving ...**

[silent prayers]

Assurance of Blessing

*Response #606

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Him, all crea-tures here be-low; praise



Him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*Signs of Peace

LISTENING

Stewardship Season for 2021

Prayers of Intercession

Lord's Prayer

Scripture

Psalm 139

Interlude

Going Home
Rachel Putzke, piano

Jason Tonioli

Scripture

Acts 1:3-9

Sermon

Our Jerusalem: Stewards of our Lives

DEPARTING

*Hymn #298

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and preach the
Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap - tize and
Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you to the
word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion, and the gos - pel go un -
teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise, life a - bun - dant meant for
end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing, may we serve as you in -
heard, help us wit - ness to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:
each, give us all new fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:
tend, and a - mid the cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:
with the Spir - it's gifts em - power us for the work of min - is - try.

*Affirmation of Faith

Presbyterian Study Catechism

Question 1. What is God's purpose for your life?

God wills that I should live by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, for the love of God, and in the communion of the Holy Spirit.

Question 2. How do you live by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ?

I am not my own. I have been bought with a price. The Lord Jesus Christ loved me and gave himself for me. I entrust myself completely to his care, giving thanks each day for his wonderful goodness.

Question 3. How do you live for the love of God?

I love because God first loved me. God loves me in Christ with a love that never ends. Amazed by grace, I no longer live for myself. I live for the Lord who died and rose again, triumphant over death, for my sake. Therefore, I take those around me to heart, especially those in particular need, knowing that Christ died for them no less than for me.

Question 4. How do you live in the communion of the Holy Spirit?

By the Holy Spirit, I am made one with the Lord Jesus Christ. I am baptized into Christ's body, the church, along with all others who confess him by faith. As a member of this community, I trust in God's Word, share in the Lord's Supper, and turn to God constantly in prayer. As I grow in grace and knowledge, I am led to do the good works that God intends for my life.

*Charge and Benediction

*Response

Northumbria Blessing

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

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INFORMATION

Welcome to our guests!

Whether you are sharing in the worship of God with us for the first time, visiting with family or friends, or returning for a visit to your home church, we welcome you today in the name of Jesus. Please share some contact information with us so we can follow up with you and make a place for you in our weekly fellowship. You may email our church office at admin@northminstermacon.org.

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

Nov. 8, 23rd Sunday after Pentecost – Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13
Nov. 15, 24th Sunday after Pentecost – Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

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; Ann Hall; Jane Ebey; John Hurst; John Geerlings; Grace Goodwin; Mary Ann Ellis; Kathy Wheeler; Andy Weaver; Shelby Duffy

Current Friends and Family Concerns: Margaret Yawn; Donna Carole Kitchens; Nelda Crow; Kirk Knox

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

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: Mon-Fri 9:00-1:00



Jesus lifts up three zones, three concentric circles of life, into which he sends his church. Jerusalem: here. Judea and Samaria, immediate neighbors: there. “The ends of the earth:” everywhere. Of course, actual geographical Jerusalem is not the center of our lives, but Jesus’ threefold sending of his church remains for us a compelling vision of the spheres of his ministry in and around our lives. Where are the places we are called to be stewards of God’s blessings and witnesses to God’s grace? Here. There. Everywhere. Each zone matters, yet each zone is different.

As a nation, we find ourselves here, there, and everywhere. We have dealt with physical separation, differing perspectives, and difficult news. Yet in this stewardship season, we as a church choose to focus on connection. Regardless of distance in location or in thought, we are secure in the knowledge that we are connected by Jesus’ saving and sending.

We are asking you to prayerfully consider the following:

Here: How can I connect my time, talents, and treasure with the needs of Northminster?

There: How can I connect my time, talents, and treasure with the work Northminster does for the world outside of our doors?

Everywhere: How can I stay connected even if we are not all physically connected?

STEPS:

1. Go to www.northminster.macon/give to fill out the Time, Talents, and Treasure survey.
 - In this survey, you will be asked to submit your annual pledge and indicate how you would like to share your time and talents.
 - If you would prefer a paper copy, please contact Jennifer and we will be happy to get one to you.
2. Download the REALM Connect App.
 - Once you are in the app, check your profile for accuracy and make any necessary changes.



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