



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

January 10, 2021

10:30am

GATHERING

Welcome

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

Prelude

Voluntary on "Crucifer"

Charles Callahan

Call to Worship — based on Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, all creatures,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God's name;
worship the Lord in holy splendor.

**We hear the voice of the Lord over creation;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord moves over mighty waters.**

The voice of the Lord is powerful;

the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

The voice of the Lord breaks all chains;

the Lord breaks the bonds of oppression.

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of truth.

The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness.

The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl.

May the Lord give strength to his people!

May the Lord bless God's people with peace!

Morning Prayer



God, who stretched the span-gled heav-ens in - fi - nite in time and place,
 Proud - ly rise our mod - ern cit - ies, state - ly build-ings row on row.
 We have ven - tured worlds un-dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;
 5 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new,



flung the suns in burn - ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space,
 Yet their win - dows, blank, un - feel - ing, stare on can - yoned streets be - low,
 known the ec - sta - sy of wing - ing through un - trav - eled realms of space;
 9 chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - oring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like - ness, share in - ven - tive powers with you.
 where the lone - ly drift un - no - ticed in the cit - y's ebb and flow,
 probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield - ing un - i - mag - ined power,
 13 May our dreams prove rich with prom - ise, each en - deav - or well be - gun.



Great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.
 lost to pur - pose and to mean - ing scarce - ly car - ing where they go.
 fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.
 Great Cre - a - tor, give us guide - ance till our goals and yours are one.

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

Merciful God,
in the waters of baptism
you promise forgiveness and new life,
making us part of the body of Jesus.
We confess that often we remain preoccupied with ourselves,
separated from sisters and brothers in Christ.
We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges,
show reluctance to welcome one another;
we allow the past to hold us hostage.
In your loving kindness,
have mercy on us,
and free us from sin.
Remind us of the promises you make in baptism
so that we may rise to new life,
and live together in grace.
Hear our prayers ...

*Response #482

Baptized in Water



Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the blood of Christ our
Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the tomb with Christ our
Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the sign of Christ our



King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust-ing the prom - ise, faith-ful-ly now God's prais-es we sing.
King; one with his ris - ing, freed and for - giv - en, thank-ful-ly now God's prais-es we sing.
King; born of the Spir - it, we are God's chil - dren; joy - ful-ly now God's prais-es we sing.

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Signs of Peace

LISTENING

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Scripture

Genesis 1:1-5

Interlude

Catherine Woody, piano

Scripture

Mark 1:4-11

Sermon

The Definitive Voice from Above

DEPARTING

*Hymn #475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



Come, thou Fount of ev - ery bless - ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - dering from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I loe;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love!
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

*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

*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

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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

Baptism of the Lord, Jan 10 – Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

2nd Sunday after Epiphany – 1 Samuel 3:1-10; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

PRAYER CONCERNS

If you have a need or a request for prayer, please contact the church office.

Current Member Concerns: Ann R. Smith; Karen Jones; Jewel James; Ann Hall; Jane Ebey; John Hurst; Jon Geerlings; Mary Ann Ellis; Kathy Wheeler; Shelby Duffy; Fran Mayhew; Betty Barlow; Suzann Smith

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: Kari Alderman; Emily Brown; Lynn Denny; Roland Hill; Jan Hirsh; Beau Kitchens; Melissa McDougald; Charlotte Nolan; Sandra Ridgeway; Minor Vernon

RALPH HAWKINS, Pastor and Teaching Elder PAUL EVANS, Parish Associate

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Diamonds in the Rough

In the liturgical season between Christmas and Lent, the lectionary calendar of scripture readings for worship offers 5 rich and compelling narratives from around the Old Testament. Many find the first two-thirds of our Bible challenging to understand; but these stories, along with many others, shine brightly with the good news of God who is, who acts, and who blesses a people. If you enjoy coming to a sermon prepared, suggested YouTube videos and web search terms are provided, as well as the preaching text for each Sunday. RWH



to YouTube	to Google	Sunday	Preaching
BibleDex 1 Samuel	Eli, Samuel	Jan 17	1 Samuel 3:1–20
BibleDex Jonah	Jonah, Ninivites	Jan 24	Jonah 3:1–10
BibleDex Deuteronomy	Moses, Jerimiah, Old Testament prophets	Jan 31	Deuteronomy 18:15–20
BibleDex Isaiah	Isaiah	Feb 7	Isaiah 40:21–31
BibleDex 2 Kings	Elijah, Elisha	Feb 14	2 Kings 2:1–12

Recommended Books:

How to Read the Bible Book by Book

Gordon Fee and Douglas Stuart (Zondervan Press)

An Introduction to the Old Testament

Walter Brueggemann (Westminster - John Knox Press)

The Old Testament World

Philip Davies and John Rogerson (Westminster - John Knox Press)