



# NORTHMINSTER

## Presbyterian Church

10:30 AM

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

### GATHERING

Prelude

*Festive Trumpet Tune*  
Ray Lawrence, trumpet

David German

Greeting

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

Welcome

Lynn Denny

Opening Prayer

\*Call to Worship

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

**Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

Beloved, let us love one another.

**We love because God first loved us.**

Let us worship God.

\*Hymn #267

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Come, Chris-tians, join to sing: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Loud praise to  
Come, life your hearts on high: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Let prais-es  
Praise yet our Christ a - gain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Life shall not

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Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his  
fill the sky: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! He is our guide and friend; to us he'll  
end the strain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! On heav-en's bliss - ful shore his good-ness

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throne re - joice; praise is his gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
con - de - scand; his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
we'll a - dore, sing - ing for - ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

## CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**God of all hope and joy,  
we confess that we continue to live in fear.  
You make us branches of your vine,  
but we fail to abide in you.  
You extend your promise to all,  
yet we seek to cut off and exclude.  
Forgive us, God of grace.  
Sanctify us in your perfect love,  
the love that casts out all fear,  
so that we may truly love one another;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Response to Forgiveness #581

*Gloria Patri*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

\*Passing of the Peace

## LISTENING

Prayers of the People

Scripture Reading

Psalm 22:25-31

Hymn #14

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,  
For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:  
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:  
friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

9 Refrain

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

Scripture Reading

1 John 4:7-21

Sermon

**Love for the Long Haul**

Rev. Dr. Bryan Whitfield

## DEPARTING

\*Hymn #363

*Rejoice, the Lord Is King!*

Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!  
Our Sav - ior, Je - sus, reigns, the God of truth and love;  
His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
Re - joice in glo - rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come  
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Re - joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.  
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.  
the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus given.  
and gath - er all the saints to their e - ter - nal home.  
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Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

\*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

\* Indicates congregation standing as able.  
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**Special thanks to our brass ensemble:**

Ray Lawrence, Tom Jones – trumpet

Edward Clark – saxophone

Jeff Denny, Josh Denny – trombone

Thank you, Tom Jones, for transpositions of today's hymns.

## Information & Announcements

### 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](mailto:admin@northminstermacon.org) or by scanning the QR code to the right.



### 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](mailto:pastorhawkins@northminstermacon.org)

### Lectionary Readings

May 2, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

May 9, 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

### 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; Kathy Wheeler; Fran Mayhew; Betty Barlow; Suzann Smith; Jack Gleaton; Donna Shuford; Frank Clark

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

Military Personnel Prayer List: Austin Riley; James C Watwood; Joshua Sulkers; Isaac Falkenstine

### Pentecost Special Offering

A foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life. By receiving the Pentecost Offering, you are nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come — children, youth, and young adults. A special offering envelope will be provided on Pentecost Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### Wellness in Your Wiser Years – a Flint River Presbytery series

Our incredible presbytery is hosting a series of classes aimed at informing and empowering any of us, no matter what age, who plan to age well. The first class in the series, Helpful Hints for Handling Your Health, begins May 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am via Zoom and is hosted by Northminster's former administrative assistant (now Nurse Practitioner), Christina Stonecypher. In this class, Christina will walk us through preparing for appointments, tips for getting the most out of the 10 minutes we see our doctors face-to-face, and provide information that will allow us to leave the doctor's office feeling informed, empowered, and in-charge! Please email Elizabeth Cantrell at [ecantrell@flintriverpresbytery.org](mailto:ecantrell@flintriverpresbytery.org) if you would like to participate.

### 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 SANDRA SMITH, Music Director

KAREN JONES, Clerk of Session BENJAMIN GAIL, Sexton JENNIFER WHITEHEAD, Ministry Assistant

**Office hours this week:** Monday – Wednesday & Friday 8:00-1:00

\*The office will be closed Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>