

Northminster Presbyterian Church

Our Weekly Celebration of the Resurrection

*Our calling as Northminster Presbyterian Church is
to make disciples, to grow in faith together, and to serve others in Christ.*

1st Sunday in Lent

10:30 AM

March 10, 2019

Prelude

Prelude on the Tune "Bevan"

Healey Willan

Jesus, my Great High Priest, Offered His blood and died: My guilty conscience seeks no sacrifice beside.
His powerful Blood did once atone, and now it pleads before the throne.

GATHERING

Greeting

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

Welcome (*Please sign and pass the red folder at this time.*)

Gathering Prayer

*Call to Worship

As we gather to worship

we remember the ancient witness of Deuteronomy 30:

"I call heaven and earth to witness against you today

that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses.

Choose life so that you and your descendants may live,

loving the Lord your God, obeying God, and holding fast to God;

for that means life to you and length of your days,

so that you may live in the land that the Lord

swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

We hear you calling, O God, through the whispers of your Holy Spirit.

*Hymn #410

God Is Calling through the Whisper

CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of such mercy,

you sent Jesus your Christ to seek and save the lost.

We confess that often we have strayed from you

and turned aside from your good ways.

We are misled by pride,

for we see ourselves pure when we are stained,

and great when we are small.

We have often failed in love, often neglected justice,

and often ignored your truth.

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.

Return us to paths of righteousness

through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Silent Prayers of Confession

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 (*Greet one another with signs of peace and reconciliation.*)

OFFERING

Invitations from your Session

Prayers of the People

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Gathering of Offerings

Offertory Anthem

Wondrous Love

arr. Paul Christiansen

What wondrous love is this, O my soul! That cause the Lord to bear the curse for my soul, when I was sinking down, Christ laid down aside His crown for my soul. When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity I'll sing on.

*Doxology #606 **Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

LISTENING

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Romans 10:5-15

Hymn #458

Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet

Scripture Reading

Luke 4:1-13

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Sermon

Lent in Luke: **Tempting Testing**

RESPONDING

Hymn #166

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

*Affirmation of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

*Sending Prayer

*Hymn #175

Seek Ye First

*Benediction

*Sung 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.

Large Print Hymnals available outside the sanctuary.

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Flowers this week have been given to the glory of God by Ann & Andy Weaver in honor of the Northminster Youth.

Announcements

Lectionary Mar 10, 1st Sunday in Lent – Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Roman 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13
Readings Mar 17, 2nd Sunday in Lent – Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35 OR Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

Information for our Guests in worship:

☼ **If you indicate that you are a first time guest**, we will give you a gift of peppermints and information about our church to say “Welcome!”

☼ **Large Print Hymnals and bulletins are available.** Ask an Usher where these items are located.

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY WORSHIP: 88

PRAYER MINISTRY: 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.

COMMON JOYS and CONCERNS

<u>Joys & Thanks</u>	<u>Concerns</u>	<u>Recent Concerns</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">The safety of persons and property during last week’s storms	<u>Members</u> Bill Rogers; Evie Irvine; Frenchie Bowen; Ann R. Smith; Susan Welch; Karen Jones; Jewel James; Kathy Myers; Riley Brown; Ann Hall; Lavenia Kimbell; Susan Simpson <u>Family, Friends, & Regular Visitors</u> Barbara King; Margaret Yawn; Jackie Simpson; Donna Carole Kitchens; Martha Hunnicut; Nelda Crow; Jimmy & Marilyn McCaskill; Kristen Franklin	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Suzann Smith – SurgerySusan Simpson – SurgerySurrounding communities affected by the March 3rd tornadoes

ON GOING:

MISSIONARIES TO BANGLADESH: Drs. Les & Cindy Morgan

This week’s Prayer for Bangladesh: **Richard Mardi** – See the back of your blue response sheet

PARENT AND PARENTS OF: Sharon Sulkers; Suzann Smith

MILITARY PERSONNEL PRAYER LIST: *Please remember those in our armed forces and diplomatic services...*
Austin Riley; T. Wright Goodwin, IV; James C. Watwood; Joshua Sulkers

IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

Women’s Morning Bible Study - Wednesdays through April 17th

The opportunity to join in continues. Women’s Weekly Bible Study is being held at 10:00am in the Community Room downstairs, led by pastor Ralph Hawkins. Titled “What Language Shall We Borrow?”, join us each week as we sit together in 1 of 12 selected psalms, learning from these ancient prayers both language and lessons for our own praying across all the seasons of life. If all prayers are, at their heart, prayers of “help” and “thanks” to our merciful and generous God, then it is the psalter where we learn the rhythms of asking and thanking.

Youth News – Save the Dates

TONIGHT – Chili Cookoff & Bake Sale

You don’t want to miss this annual youth fundraising event. We’ll have 3 categories for competition: Meat Chili, Veggie Chili, and Brunswick Stew. Add delicious desserts that will be up for auction, and you have an exciting evening of fellowship to help our youth attend mission trips and retreats throughout the remainder of the year. Dinner begins at 5:30pm.

March 17 – Dinner & Bible Study

5:30-7:30pm, The youth will get together at the church for pizza and dessert followed by fun and Bible study led by pastor Ralph.

5th Sunday Lunch – March 31st

March is blessing us with 5 Sundays, which means we'll be using the opportunity to fellowship over lunch after the morning worship service on March 31st. There is no charge for this lunch, which is being hosted by our Outreach and Congregational Care committees. Mark your blue response sheet if you plan to attend. If you would like to assist with this meal, please contact Judy Hill or Brent Gunn for information on what needs are available to be filled.

Thank You, Church Family

Dear Northminster Family, I cannot find the words to properly express the gratitude for all the expressions of concern and sympathy on the passing of my mother. The many cards, food, hugs, and most of all prayers, especially the past few weeks, have been most appreciated. May God continue to bless our church family. Sincerely, Ricky & Suzann Smith

Our Prayerful Sympathies

Our deepest sympathy and love goes out to Emily Jones Bredeson in the death of her daughter Jan Jones Ward. Emily and her family were Charter members of Northminster. She has returned to Macon and it is with joy that we welcome her back into our church family. If you would like to send your personal condolences to Emily, her address is 5300 Zebulon Rd. #2206, Macon, GA 31210.

Sincere condolences go to the family of Charles A. Duggan in their loss of this former charter member. Charlie and four other men met originally with the Presbytery to affect the formation of Northminster. He was Chairman of our first pulpit committee.

WEEKLY CALENDAR March 10th – 17th

SUNDAY	9:30 AM	Connections Hour & Sunday School
	10:30 PM	Worship Service
	4:00 PM	Yoga
	5:30 PM	Youth Chili Cookoff & Bake Sale
WEDNESDAY	10:00 AM	Women's Winter Bible Study – week 7
	6:00 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
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NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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CONGREGATION: Ministers of the Good News

SESSION of Ruling Elders:

Kim Emener; Brent Gunn; Sam McDuffie; Liz Riley; Jeanne Roddenberry
Sam Alderman, III; Boyd Ellison; Judy Hill; Ricky Smith; Ann Weaver

RALPH HAWKINS, Pastor and Teaching Elder PAUL EVANS, Parish Associate
SANDRA SMITH, Music Director KAREN JONES, Clerk of Session
LESLIE and CYNTHIA MORGAN, Missionaries in Bangladesh

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Office hours this week:

Monday-Friday: 9:00am-1:00pm

Prayers for Bangladesh

RESPONSE SHEET

(Fill out and turn in to an usher, place in the offering plate or basket.)

Men's Steak Dinner – March 24th

I plan to attend the Men's Steak Dinner Sunday, March 24th at 5:30PM.

I also plan to bring a guest (Qty: _____)

5th Sunday Lunch – March 31st

I/We plan to attend the March Fifth-Sunday lunch on the 31st immediately following the morning worship service.

Name: _____

God of wisdom and grace, we give you thanks for your servant Richard Mardi, recently ordained as a minister in Bangladesh, a predominately Muslim country where Christians make up less than one percent of the population. Richard grew up in a rural church planted by Presbyterian missionaries 60 years ago. Now, after completing his theological training and gaining experience in parish ministry, he has received the full blessing of the Church of Bangladesh, to minister among its 104 congregations. Thank you, O Lord, for raising up servants in this country to proclaim your gospel and to care for your people. Guide Richard in your truth and grant him strength to carry out the ministry to which you have called him, we pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.



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