



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

10:30 AM

1st Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2020

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.*)

Prelude

Into My Heart
Wendy Mims, flute

arr. Jack Shreder

Silent Prayer

Call to Worship — based on Isaiah 43:19-21

Let us worship God, who has done great things.

**We rejoice in our God, who made a way
through the desert of this weary world.**

Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

We are the people God has formed through Christ; we worship God, and we rejoice!

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

We praise God for the grace that has saved us. Alleluia! We rejoice!

*Hymn #275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

CONFESSING

Call to Confession— Psalm 139

Search me, O God, and know my heart;

try me and know my thoughts.

See if there is any wicked way in me,

and lead me in the way everlasting.

Prayer of Confession — based on Psalm 130

If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins,

O Lord, who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness;

therefore you are revered.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,

and in God's living word I put my hope.

My soul waits for the Lord

more than watchmen wait for the morning.

[*silence is kept*]

Almighty God, our Redeemer,
in our weakness how often we have failed
to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope.

**Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
that we may follow your commands
and proclaim your reign of love,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever. Amen.**

Unison Confession #469

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

**Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
Lord listen to your children praying. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Remembering God's Law

The God who saved us in Jesus Christ gave this law, saying:
I am the Lord your God! You shall have no other gods before me.

We will worship the Lord our God and serve only him.

You shall not make yourself an image of anything to worship it.

Living no more in bondage to earthly gods,

we will worship the Lord our God in spirit and in truth.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord.

**We will use the holy name of God with reverence,
praising him in everything we do and say.**

You shall observe the Sabbath by keeping it holy,
for in six days you shall labor and do all your work.

This is the day the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

You shall honor your father and mother, that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving to you.

**As children of all ages we will be respectful of our parents in the Lord;
as parents of growing children we will correct our children and guide them
in the training and instruction of the Lord.**

You shall not murder.

**We will be kind and compassionate to one another,
forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave us.**

You shall not commit adultery.

**We will use our bodies in ways that are holy
and honorable, and abstain from immorality and impurity.**

You shall not steal.

**We will do what we can for our neighbor's good,
and work faithfully so that we may share with the poor.**

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

**We will speak the truth with our neighbor in love,
render judgments that are true and make for peace,
and not devise in our hearts any evil against anyone.**

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

**We will be content whatever the circumstances
through the strength of Christ within us.**

Thus we must love our neighbor as ourselves.

**For the Lord requires of us to do justice, to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with our God. Amen!**

*Passing of the Peace (*Greet one another with signs of peace and reconciliation*)

OFFERING

*Hymn #32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Moment for Mission

Gathering of Offerings

Offertory Anthem

Be Merciful unto Me, O Lord

S. Drummond Wolff

Be Merciful unto me, O Lord, for I will call daily upon Thee. For Thou, O Lord, art gracious and merciful and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon Thee. Bow down Thine ear, O Lord, and hear me; save Thy servant that trusteth in Thee. Comfort the soul of Thy servant. For unto Thee do I lift up my soul, do I lift up my soul. Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my cry come unto thee.

*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 of Dedication

Scripture Reading

Matthew 4:1-11

Sermon

Three different versions of Messiah

COMMUNING

Hymn #166

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right for us to give thanks and praise...**

Lord's Prayer

Sharing of Bread and Cup

Closing Unison Prayer

God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life.

May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Lord. Amen.

DEPARTING

*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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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. If you indicate that you are a first-time guest, we want to give you a gift and some information about our church to say "Welcome!" Large Print Hymnals and bulletins are available. Ask an usher where these items are located.

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

Sermons Available Online

Did you miss a Sunday worship service? We know that everyone can't make it to worship every Sunday, so the communications committee makes sure Sunday's sermons are available online. Just visit our website at northminstermacon.org and you can listen anywhere.

Lectionary Readings

March 1, 1st Sunday in Lent – Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

March 8, 2nd Sunday in Lent – Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

Attendance Last Sunday Worship: 94

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; Andy Weaver

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Builder's Sunday School – This Sunday, through April 5th

Join us for a 6-week study based on the devotional book *Lent In Plain Sight*, by Jill J. Duffield.

The Builder's Class is designed for adults, married or single, in the middle years of life, the part of life most often devoted to building family and building career. We support each through prayer and fellowship as we study God's word. We encourage you to join us! **Books available in class; Room 109 Downstairs; We will have Coffee in the room.**

Women's Bible Study – March 4

Beginning March 4th at 10:00am in the community room, our 7-week long Spring Bible study will follow the video teaching of Lisa Harper as she works through the Gospel of Mark.

Youth Chili Cookoff & Bake Sale – March 8

You don't want to miss this fun annual event, hosted by our youth. Bring your favorite chili (meat or veggie) or Brunswick stew recipe to enter in the competition. Don't forget the desserts! Your donated goodies will be auctioned off by our one-and-only greatest emcee & auctioneer, Minor Vernon! All proceeds will benefit the youth ministry.

Congregational Care Seeks Volunteers

The congregational care committee is seeking volunteers to be part of their "Helping Hands" initiative. If you are able to help in any way, please let Sandra Ridgeway (478-318-1806 or sway502@bellsouth.net) know how and when you can assist or note your willingness on your response sheet. Thank you for helping your church family!

Volunteers Needed – Community Easter Egg Hunt, April 11

This Easter, we're reaching out to the community in new and exciting ways. Saturday, April 11th, we will host a community-wide Easter egg hunt. To make this event successful, we need your help. We are seeking volunteers to bring filled eggs for the hunt, and we will need help with set-up, clean-up, and coordination of activities during the event. You may bring your filled eggs any Sunday morning or weekday (between 9:00-1:00) by Friday, April 10th.

Vineville Methodist Lenten Series – March 4

Our pastor is one of three persons from the community invited by Vineville United Methodist Church to lead a Lenten study on Wednesday evenings. Ralph will teach a Faith and Photography session, while Ed Grisamore will teach writing and Linda Padgett & Tommy Martin will teach pottery. Northminster members are encouraged to attend! Please RSVP to Jennifer in our office if would you like to participate in one of the three offerings.

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

