



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

Palm Sunday

April 5, 2020

GATHERING

Scripture

Matthew 21:1-11

Prelude

Call to Worship — based on Psalm 130

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest! We praise you O God!

Rejoice greatly, O children of God! Shout aloud, O children of the Lord

**Look: Our king comes to us; triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest! We praise you today, O God.

Opening Prayer

Hymn #197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Greetings

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

PRAISING

Remembering our Baptisms

Prayers of Praise

**We praise you, O God,
for your redemption of the world through Jesus your Christ.
Today he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph
and was proclaimed Messiah and King
by those who spread garments and branches along his way.
Let our own words of praise be signs of his victory,
and grant that all who worship you today
may follow him in the way of his cross,
that, dying and rising with him,
we may enter into your kingdom.
Hear now our affirmations of praise and thanksgiving ...**

Summary of the Law

Our Lord Jesus said:

**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your mind.**

This is the greatest and first commandment.

And the second is like it:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Passing the Peace

Hymn #198

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

LISTENING

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Scripture Readings

Psalm 118, selections

Matthew 21:1-11

Sermon

Learnings on the Path of Discipleship

DEPARTING

Hymn #196

All Glory, Laud and Honor

Affirmation of Faith — Presbyterian Brief Statement 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.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus!

Departing Prayer

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!

If you are worshipping online with us for the first time, we are so thankful to have you watching. We hope that the word of God gives you peace and encouragement and you will plan to join us in person when we are able to reopen our doors for public gatherings.

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

April 5, Palm Sunday – Matthew 21:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66

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

The schedule for all Sunday events, including morning connections, worship, and yoga, will be evaluated on a weekly basis and publicized via email and Facebook. If you or someone you know is either not receiving the emails or need to receive a phone call with updates, please let Jennifer know (admin@northminstermacon.org or 478-477-6646)

Special Offering – One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing supports three programs - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. A special envelope will be provided for your offering.

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

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