



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2020

GATHERING

Prelude

Greeting

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

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship — based on Psalm 118

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;

God's Easter love endures forever.

In our anguish we cried to the Lord,
and God answered by setting us free.

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;

God's Easter love endures forever.

The Lord is our strength and our song;

God has become our salvation.

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;

God's Easter love endures forever.

We will not die but live,
and we will proclaim what the Lord has done.

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;

God's Easter love endures forever.

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;

The Lord has done this; and it is marvelous in our eyes.

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;

God's Easter love endures forever.

Hymn #238

Thine Is the Glory

CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God,

in raising Jesus from the grave,

you shattered the power of sin and death.

We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,

often bound by the ways that lead to death.

**We overlook the poor and the hungry
and pass by those who mourn;
we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed
and indifferent to calls for peace;
we despise the weak
and abuse the earth you made.
Forgive us, God of mercy.
Help us to trust your power
to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the joy of life abundant
given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.
Hear our prayers ...**

Assurance of Mercy

*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 the Peace

LISTENING

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

Hymn #370

This Is My Father's World

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:13-35

Sermon

Easter: Learning to Look over Your Shoulder

DEPARTING

Hymn #233

The Day of Resurrection!

Affirmation of Faith — 1996 Presbyterian Study Catechism

Question 46. What do we affirm when we say that "on the third day he rose again from the dead"?

That our Lord could not be held by the power of death. Having died on the cross, he appeared to his followers, triumphant from the grave, in a new, exalted kind of life. In showing them his hands and his feet, the one who was crucified revealed himself to them as the Lord and Savior of the world.

Question 47. What do we affirm when we say that "he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father"?

First, that Christ has gone to be with the Father, hidden except to the eyes of faith. Second, however, that Christ is not cut off from us in the remote past, or in some place from which he cannot reach us, but is present to us here and now by grace. He reigns with divine authority, protecting us, guiding us, and interceding for us until he returns in glory.

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



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 19, 2nd Sunday of Easter – Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

April 26, 3rd Sunday of Easter – Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

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; Al & Barbara Fatkin

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)

40 Days of Easter Food Drive

Each non-Sunday day in the Easter season, beginning after Easter Sunday, add an item to a box for Loaves & Fishes and its ministry with our homeless and indigent neighbors here in Macon. When halfway or completely filled, bring your box to the church or contact the church office and we will send one of our older youth who drive out to your house to pick it up. Please be sure to only include food packaged in boxes, cans, or plastic containers. **Loaves and Fishes cannot accept glass non-perishables.** Items you can collect this week include:

Monday – canned tuna

Wednesday – container of applesauce

Friday – cranberry sauce

Tuesday – dessert mix

Thursday – canned sweet potatoes

Saturday – canned beans

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: Various