



# NORTHMINSTER

## *Presbyterian Church*

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

May 3, 2020

### GATHERING

Prelude

provided by Pat McCall

Greeting

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

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

We bless you again this day, O Lord!

**Glory to you, O God:**

On the resurrection day you won victory over death,  
raising Jesus from the grave and giving us all eternal life.

**Glory to you, O Christ:**

For us and for our salvation,  
you overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life.

**Glory to you, O Holy Spirit:**

You lead us into the truth of life abundant.

**Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity, now and forever.**

Amen.

Hymn #248

*Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

### CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**If, at times, we deny you, God forgive.**

When the risks of discipleship are high,  
and we are nowhere to be found:

**God forgive.**

When we wash our hands of holy responsibility:

**God forgive.**

When we cast our lot with powerful oppressors  
and seek to buy freedom with silver:

**God forgive.**

When fear keeps us from witnessing to your truth,  
or prejudice keeps us from believing it:

**God forgive.**

In the bright light of Easter morning, O God,  
our sin is exposed, and your grace is revealed.

**Tender God,  
raise us in your love again, so that, with joy,  
we may witness to your awesome deeds,  
in the name of Jesus, the risen one.  
Hear now 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**

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 2:19-25

Hymn #188

*Jesus Loves Me!*

Scripture Reading

John 10:1-10

Sermon

Easter: Sheep who now have a Shepherd

**DEPARTING**

Hymn #187

*Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

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](mailto:pastorhawkins@northminstermacon.org)

## Lectionary Readings

May 3, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

May 10, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

## 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; Katherine Crownover

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 – container of grits

Wednesday – canned fruit cocktail

Friday – boxed potatoes

Tuesday – canned chicken

Thursday – canned potatoes

Saturday – Box of Stuffing mix

## 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