



# NORTHMINSTER

## *Presbyterian Church*

Day of Pentecost

May 31, 2020

### GATHERING

Prelude

Call to Worship — based on Psalm 105:1-2; Romans 5:5; Revelation 4:8

The love of God has been poured into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

**We dwell in Spirit and the Spirit in us.**

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's name;  
make known God's deeds among the peoples.

**Sing to God, sing praises to God,  
and speak of all God's marvelous works.**

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty,  
**who was and is and is to come!**

Let us worship God together today.

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-21

Hymn #289

*On Pentecost, They Gathered*

Welcome

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

### CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Come, Holy Spirit!**

**Rain upon our dry and dusty lives.**

**Wash away our sin  
and heal our wounded spirits.**

**Kindle within us the fire of your love  
to burn away our apathy.**

**With your warmth bend our rigidity  
and guide our wandering feet.**

**Hear our prayers in Jesus' name ...**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hymn #286

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

### LISTENING

Prayers of the People

Scripture Readings

Psalm 104

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Sermon

Holy Spirit: Disruption and Diversity

### DEPARTING

Hymn #291

*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

\*Statement of Faith

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

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 31, Day of Pentecost – Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23

June 7, Trinity Sunday – Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

## **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; Everette “Pat” Poole

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**

### **Reopening**

During our May meeting, your session unanimously voted to reopen our Northminster doors for in-person worship beginning Sunday, June 14 at 10:30am. This date is dependent on the Governor not extending any shelter-in-place orders. As you no doubt expect, for the time being there will be some changes in the way we worship in-person.

Here’s what to expect:

- Please enter through open doors to minimize the touching of handles.
- We encourage everyone to wear a mask if possible, but the choice is individual and no one will be turned away!
- Bulletins will be placed in the pews in advance to minimize touching or close contact. We ask that each family/individual sit only where bulletins have been placed to make sure we practice safe social distancing.
- Hymnals and Bibles will be removed from the pews for now. Please bring your own Bible. Hymns will be in the bulletin.
- We will limit congregational singing to minimize the spread of airborne particles, but we have lots of creative ideas in the work so the music will continue to be an important part of our worship of God.
- We will not be passing the offering plates. Instead, we invite you to drop your offering in the plate located at the exit doors following the service, or continue to use online giving.
- During our time of passing the peace, we ask that you stay at your seat and show signs of peace to those within your view.
- As we conclude the service, we ask that everyone exit the building while maintaining the appropriate distance from one another.
- Do not feel pressured to return to in-person worship services on June 14. We will be working diligently to continue online worship so that everyone may participate, even from home.

- To state the obvious: If you have a fever, if you feel the slightest bit under the weather, or if you have multiple health concerns, please plan to continue worshiping online for the time being.

Perhaps the most difficult part about returning to worship is the fact that we have such a loving church fellowship and we miss the opportunity to hug and shake hands as we greet each other. What a blessed problem! But, alas, for the time being, we simply cannot do what we all love to do. We hope that this season of physical distancing will come to an end sooner than later, but until then we want to make sure everyone stays safe and healthy.

With help from the medical professionals in our congregation and with guidance from the State, the presbytery, and our denomination, we are still actively working on how best to return to the sanctuary and there may be additions to this list. Please know that balancing some return to normalcy with everyone’s well-being is our major concern. We appreciate all of your efforts to help each other in this way.

## **Puzzling Times**

During these "puzzling times", several NPC members have enjoyed working on and swapping jigsaw puzzles. A collection of puzzles is being amassed at the church for YOU to enjoy!

They will be housed on shelves in the room next to Ralph's office. Feel free to borrow one at any time. If you would like to add to the collection, just drop the puzzles off at the church. When you complete one, please list your name/date on the inside of the box top. Enjoy!

### **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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