



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

5th Sunday after Pentecost
July 5, 2020
10:30AM

GATHERING

Welcome

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

Prelude

People Need the Lord
Pat McCall, violin

arr. Sharon Wilson

Call to Worship — based on Psalm 28

To you, O Lord, we lift our hearts in worship today.

**Our rock, do not turn your gracious ear from us,
for if you are silent to us,
we shall be like those who go down to the Pit.**

Hear the voice of our supplications,
as we turn to you for help and wholeness,
**as we lift up our hearts and minds
toward your most holy sanctuary.**

Blessed be the Lord,
for God has heard the sound of our pleadings.
**The Lord is our strength and our shield;
in God our hearts trust.**

So I am helped, and my heart exults,
and with my song I give thanks to the Lord.

**The Lord is the strength of his people;
God is the saving refuge of his anointed.**

O bless your people, and bless your heritage;
be their shepherd, and carry them forever.

Opening Prayer

Hymn #12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise, in light in - ac -
Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light, nor want - ing, nor
To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small. In all life thou
Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light. Thine an - gels a -
6 ces - si - ble hid from our eyes, most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the
wast - ing, thou rul - est in might: thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high
liv - est, the true life of all. We blos - som and flour - ish like
11 dore thee, all veil - ing their sight. All praise we would ren - der; O
An - cient of Days, al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
soar - ing a - bove; thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
leaves on the tree, then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
help us to see 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

LISTENING

Interlude

Scripture Readings

Ephesians 4:21-32

Matthew 7:5

Sermon

Summer in (Matthew) Seven: Pearls of wisdom about handling holiness

DEPARTING

Hymn #840

When Peace like a River

When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
Though Sa - tan sould buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
He lives: O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought. My
Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shal be sight, the

5
sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

10
taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul. It is
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

15
well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

Benediction

Postlude

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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. You may email our church office at admin@northminstermacon.org.

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

June 28, 4th Sunday after Pentecost – Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

July 5, 5th Sunday after Pentecost – Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Psalm 45:10-17; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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
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

Puzzling Times – the Puzzle closet is still available

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!

Backpack Ministry

If you are interested in helping the backpack ministry by delivering (on a rotating schedule with other volunteers) the food packages to Rosa Taylor this 2020-2021 school year, please contact Suzann Smith at rcsws4850@gmail.com or 478-718-1021.

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
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Summer in Seven

Jesus' teaching in chapter 7 of the Gospel of Matthew

June 28 — Judging Others

1 “Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. For with the judgment you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. Why do you see the speck in your neighbor’s eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbor, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ while the log is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor’s eye.

July 5 — Profaning the Holy

6 “Do not give what is holy to dogs; and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will trample them under foot and turn and maul you.

July 12 — Ask, Search, Knock

7 “Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

July 19 — The Golden Rule

12 “In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.

August 2 — The Narrow Gate

13 “Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

August 9 — A Tree and Its Fruit

15 “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorns, or figs from thistles? In the same way, every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will know them by their fruits.

August 16 — Concerning Self-Deception

21 “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many deeds of power in your name?’ Then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; go away from me, you evildoers.’

August 23 — Hearers and Doers

24 “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!”