



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

9th Sunday after Pentecost
August 2, 2020
Online

GATHERING

Welcome

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

Prelude

Abide with Me
Pat McCall, violin

arr. Anne Organ

Call to Worship — based on Psalm 66

Make a joyful sound to God, all the earth;
sing and pray the glory of God's name;
give to our God all glorious praise.

All the earth worships you, O Lord.

They sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.

Receive our worship this morning as gladness and praise.

Opening Prayer

Hymn #20

All Things Bright and Beautiful

All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small, all things wise and
won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all. Each lit - tles flower that
The pur - ple - head - ed
The cold wind in the
God gave us eyes to
o - pens, each lit - tles bird that sings, God made their glow - ing
moun - tain, the riv - er run - ning by, the sun - set, and the
win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun, the ripe fruits in the
see them, and lips that we might tell how great is God Al -
col - ors; God made their ti - ny wings.
morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky.
gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.
might - y, who has made all things well.

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

LISTENING

Interlude

Just as I Am

arr. James Michael Stevens

Scripture Readings

Hebrews 4:12-16
Matthew 7:13-14

Sermon

Summer in (Matthew) Seven: Choose the Narrow Gate

DEPARTING

Hymn #687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Our God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come, our
Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure; suf -
Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived its frame, from
A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone, short
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shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home.
fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

*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.

Benediction

Postlude

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Arr. Don Hustad

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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

August 2, 9th Sunday after Pentecost – Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

August 9, 10th Sunday after Pentecost – Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22; Romans 10:5-15;

Matthew 14:22-33

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; Kirk Knox

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

SANDRA SMITH, Music Director KAREN JONES, Clerk of Session

BENJAMIN GAIL, Sexton JENNIFER WHITEHEAD, Ministry Assistant

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