



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

13th Sunday after Pentecost
August 30, 2020

GATHERING

Welcome

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

Prelude

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

arr. Lloyd Larson

NPC Bell Choir

Dedicated to our beloved bell ringer and friend, Andy Weaver.

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship — based on Ephesians 1

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing
in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ.

**Even before God made the world,
God loved us and chose us in Christ
to be holy and without fault in his eyes.**

**God decided in advance to adopt us into a new family
by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ.**

This is what God wanted to do, and it gave God great pleasure.

So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son.

**God is so rich in kindness and grace
that God purchased our freedom with the life of Jesus
and forgave all our sins.**

**God has showered kindness on us,
along with all wisdom and understanding.**

Hymn #24

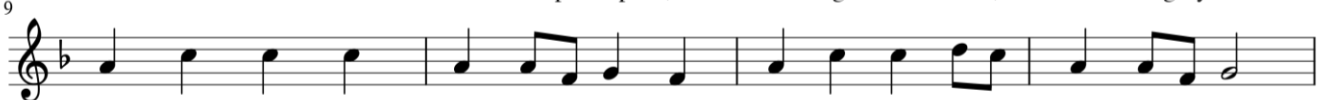
God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens



God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,
Proud - ly rise our mod - ern cit - ies, state - ly build - ings row on row.
We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child - hood of our race;
5 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal - lenge us a - new,



flung the suns in burn - ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space,
Yet their win - dows, blank, un - feel - ing, stare on can - yoned streets be - low,
known the ec - sta - sy of wing - ing through un - trav - eled realms of space;
9 chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - oring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like - ness, share in - ven - tive powers with you.
where the lone - ly drift un - no - ticed in the cit - y's ebb and flow,
probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield - ing un - i - mag - ined power,
13 May our dreams prove rich with prom - ise, each en - deav - or well be - gun.



Great Cre - a - tor, still crea - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.
lost to pur - pose and to mean - ing scarce - ly car - ing where they go.
fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.
Great Cre - a - tor, give us guide - ance till our goals and yours are one.

Morning Prayers

Lord's Prayer

LISTENING

Interlude

Jesus Loves Me
Edward Clark, saxophone

arr. Brent Olstad

Sermon & Scripture Readings

What have we learned during COVID-19 about Christian faith?

DEPARTING

Hymn #805

Come Sing to God

Come sing to God, O liv - ing saints; sing praise - es to God's name. God's
 In my suc - cess I felt se - cure; how good you've been to me. I
 What good is gained by my dis - grace what prof - it in de - feat? My
 You changed my grief to joy - filled dance; my sor - rows you de - stroy. In

5
 an - ger is not per - ma - nent; God's love will nev - er wane. Though
 said that this is my own work, as - crib - ing all to me. But
 grave can - not con - fess your name, nor praise for you re - peat. Now
 faith - ful - ness you hear my cry and fill my life with joy. And

9
 tears may tar - ry for the night with sighs of deep - est pain, yet
 when you turned a - side your face, my life was filled with fears. I
 hear, O Lord, my plain - tive cry; be mer - ci - ful to me. Ac -
 so to you my heart shall sing; my voice your good - ness raise. You

13
 joy comes with the morn - ing sun, a peace that is not vain.
 begged for help; to you I cried with loud and bit - ter tears.
 cept my long - ing heart's re - quest and from death set me free.
 are my God, for - ev - er - more. My life shall sing your praise.

*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

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!

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 30, 13th Sunday after Pentecost – Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28
September 6, 14th Sunday after Pentecost – Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

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; Andy Weaver

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

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: Mon-Fri 9:00-1:00