



# NORTHMINSTER

*Presbyterian Church*

10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
August 9, 2020

## GATHERING

Welcome

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

Prelude

*Air*

Bach

Pat McCall, violin & Jaris Tobler, viola

Call to Worship — based on Psalm 33

Let the people sing for joy to the Lord;  
it is fitting for the grateful to praise God.  
Praise the Lord with melodies on the strings;  
make music for him on the stringed instruments.

**Sing a new song of praise to God;  
play skillfully on the harp, and sing with joy.  
For the word of the Lord holds true,  
and we can trust everything God does.  
The Lord loves whatever is just and good;  
the unfailing love of the Lord fills the earth.**

Opening Prayer

Hymn #22

*God of the Sparrow*

versus 1-3



God of the spar - row God of the whale God of the swirl - ing stars  
God of the earth - quake God of the storm God of the trum - pet blast  
God of the rain - bow God of the cross God of the emp - ty grave



How does the crea - ture say Awe How does the crea - ture say Praise  
How does the crea - ture cry Woe How does the crea - ture cry Save  
How does the crea - ture say Grace How does the crea - ture say Thanks

Morning Prayers

Lord's Prayer

## LISTENING

Interlude

*Arioso*

Bach

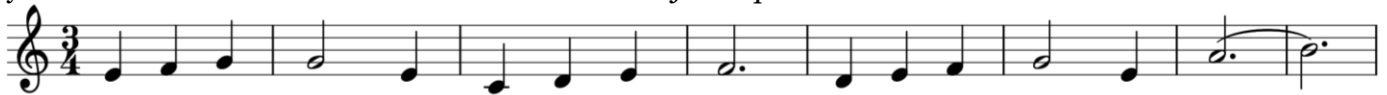
Scripture Reading

Psalm 1

Hymn #22

*God of the Sparrow*

versus 4-6



God of the hun - gry God of the sick God of the prod - i - gal  
God of the neigh - bor God of the foe God of the prun - ing hook  
God of the a - ges God near at hand God of the lov - ing heart



How does the crea ture say Care How does the crea ture say Life  
How does the crea ture say Love How does the crea ture say Peace  
How do your chil - ren say Joy How do your chil - dren say Home

**DEPARTING**

Hymn #175

*Seek Ye First*



Seek ye first the king - dom of God and its righ - teous - ness,  
 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek, and you shall find;  
 You shall not live by bread a - lone, but by ev - ery word



and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!  
 knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you.  
 that pro - ceeds from the mouth of God.

\*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 God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

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

*Ode to Joy*

Beethoven



## **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](mailto: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](mailto:pastorhawkins@northminstermacon.org)

### **Lectionary Readings**

August 9, 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

August 16, 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28

## **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 [resws4850@gmail.com](mailto:resws4850@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

**Office hours this week:** Mon-Fri 9:00-1:00

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