



# NORTHMINSTER

*Presbyterian Church*

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
September 20, 2020

## GATHERING

Prelude

*It Is Well with My Soul*  
Pat McCall, violin

arr. Bob Walters

Welcome

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

Invocation

*Be Still and Know That I Am God*

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am God.

Call to Worship

This is one more day that you have made, Lord.  
Teach us to rejoice in it and learn to be glad!

**Remind us of the blessings we know as your people:**

**to come to you in worshipful moments,  
to confess our many sins,  
to receive forgiveness and to share it,  
to pray and sing and listen,  
to renew our tired spirits,  
to rest in all your many promises.**

Open our eyes to see you, Lord.  
Open our ears to hear your Word.  
Bless us again with your Holy Spirit,  
and help us to walk anew in faith. Amen.

Hymn #35

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion! O my soul,  
Praise ye the Lord, who'er all things so won-drous - ly reign - eth, shel - ters thee  
Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore him! All that hath

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praise him, for he is thy health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear,  
un - der his wings, yea, so gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen  
life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men

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now to his tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
how thy de - sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?  
sound from his peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

Morning Prayers

## LISTENING

Scripture reading

Romans 5:1-8

Interlude

*O Master Let Me Walk with Thee*

arr. Kurt Kaiser

Scripture Readings

Psalm 116

Sermon

**Christian Community in the Time of Covid:**  
Look Both Ways for Perspective

## DEPARTING

Hymn #643

*Now Thank We All Our God*

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voice - es, who won-drous  
O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us, with ev - er  
All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in high - est heav-en, to Fa - ther

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things hath done, in whom this world re - joic - es; who from our moth - ers' arms, hath  
joy - ful hearts and bless-ed peace to cheer us; and keep us in God's grace, and  
and to Son and Spir - it now be giv - en: the one e - ter - nal God, whom

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blessed us on our way with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
guide us when per - plexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
heaven and earth a - dore, the God who was, and is, and shall be ev - er - more.

\*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.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

*A Mighty Fortress*

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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](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**

September 20, 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

September 27, 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

### **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; Ann Hall; Jane Ebey; John Hurst; John Gearlings; Grace Goodwin; 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

### **Outreach Opportunity**

Loaves and Fishes is bearing most of the responsibility for feeding the homeless downtown during the pandemic. Due to health concerns, most outreach feeding programs have been curtailed. L&F is able to get most of the food from the Community Food Bank, but the supply of protein items is very difficult to obtain.

\*\*If you would like to make a special contribution to this cause, please donate by check to 'Northminster Presbyterian', earmarked to "L&F protein", account # 225600 or online ([northminstermacon.org](http://northminstermacon.org)). If donating online, simply add your contribution amount to the 'Offerings' section and specify in the notes box, "L&F protein, account # 225600."

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Judy Hill at [rolandjudy@hotmail.com](mailto:rolandjudy@hotmail.com). As always, thank you for your heart for service to others!

### **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, Wed-Fri 9:00-1:00