



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

18th Sunday after Pentecost
October 4, 2020

GATHERING

Prelude

Air
Generation Fusion Trio

J. S. Bach
arr. Lynne Latham

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 — based on Psalm 108

We are ready, God, so ready,
ready from head to toe.

We are ready to sing,
ready to raise a God-song:

“Wake, soul! Wake, heart!

Wake up, you sleepyhead mind!”

**We’re thanking you, God, out in the streets,
singing your praises in town and country.**

The deeper your love, the higher it goes;
every cloud’s a flag to your faithfulness.

Soar high in the skies, O God!

Cover the whole earth with your glory!

**And for the sake of the ones you love so much,
reach down and bless us—bless us again!**

We are ready, God, so ready,
ready from head to toe.

We are ready to sing,
ready to raise a God-song:

Hymn #316

Where Charity and Love Prevail



Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son.
Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,
Love can ex - clude no race or creed if hon - ored be God's name;



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
As mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.
our com - mon life em - brac - es all whose Mak - er is the same.

Morning Prayers

LISTENING

Interlude

Bist Du Bei Mir

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Scripture Readings

Colossians 3:1-17

Psalm 133

Sermon

Christian Community in the Time of Covid:
The Irreplaceable Gift of Christian Fellowship

DEPARTING

Hymn #398

How Very Good and Pleasant

How ver - y good and pleas - ant when we live in u - ni - ty It is like pre - cious
oil, like fresh morn - ing dew. We gath - er here to - geth - er with our
hearts and voic - es raised to God, who's the cen - ter of our u - ni - ty and praise!

*Affirmation of Faith

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.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Te Deum

Marc-Antoine Charpentier

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A very special thank you to the Generation Fusion trio: Pat McCall, violin; Jaris Tobler, viola; Spencer Brewer, cello; for sharing their musical talents with Northminster.



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

October 4, 18th Sunday after Pentecost – Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46
October 11, 19th Sunday after Pentecost – Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

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 Geerlings; 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

Passing of member, Frances Martin

It is with the peace and hope in the resurrection that we announce the passing of our beloved member, Frances Martin. Frances passed away peacefully Friday, September 25. Prior to moving to North Carolina, Frances was an active member of our choir and prayer group, serving diligently in our church. If you would like to send condolences to her family, please mail cards to her daughter:

Caroline Withers
1760 Corcus Ferry Rd.
Hampstead, NC 28443

If you would like to make a memorial contribution, please send your donations to Northminster or Thornwell.

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Through the Peace & Global Witness Offering, congregations are encouraged and equipped to find and address the anxiety and discord that is prevalent throughout the world. 25% is kept by the congregation. A special envelope will be provided for your offering. This offering can be made throughout the month of September, to be completed Sunday, October 4th.

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-Tues, Thur-Fri 9:00-1:00

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