

Northminster

Presbyterian Church

January 3, 2021 10:30am

GATHERING

Welcome

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

Prelude $Canon\ in\ D$ Johann Pachelbel

Florence Snyder, organ

Call to Worship — based on Jeremiah 31

We sing with joy at the top of our lungs for God!

Announce the good news to all!

Raise cheers! Sing praises. Say,

'God has saved his people,

saved the core of those God loves.'

Watch what comes next:

"I'll bring my people back from the far country

And gather them up from the ends of the earth, gather those who've gone blind And those who are lame and limping,

gather all the women and men, Even the mothers whose birth pangs have started, bring them all back, a huge crowd!

"Watch them come! They'll come weeping for joy

as I take their hands and lead them,

Lead them to fresh flowing brooks,

lead them along smooth, uncluttered paths.

Yes, it's because I'm Israel's Father and my people are my firstborn!"

Hear this, nations! God's Message!

Broadcast this all over the world!

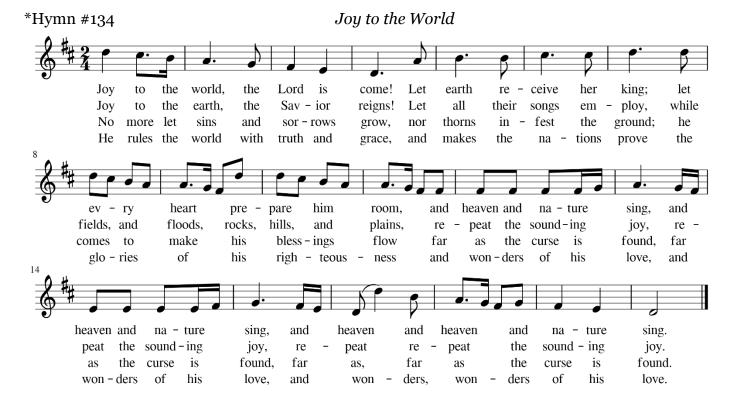
Tell them, 'The One who scattered the proud

will gather the meek together again.

From now on he'll keep a careful eye on them,

like a shepherd with his flock.'

Morning Prayer



Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

God of the Bethlehem star, everyone is searching for your light shining in the face of Jesus. The Magi sought Christ simply to worship him. But Herod sought him to appease his jealous anger. We confess that our motives in seeking Jesus are not always pure. We do not come simply to worship: we come to Christ, asking his benefits of reassurance, health, wealth; asking him to fulfill the hundred petitions for not-so-important requests that we heap before him. But the Magi sought first the kingdom. Help us, God, to follow their example, putting our own need in perspective, worshiping the Christ in love, content to be in your presence, and laying our gifts before you. Then may we journey, trusting that your goodness and light will accompany us all the days of our life.

Hear now our silent prayers ...

Assurance of Forgiveness



*Signs of Peace

LISTENING

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Scripture Ephesians 1:3-14

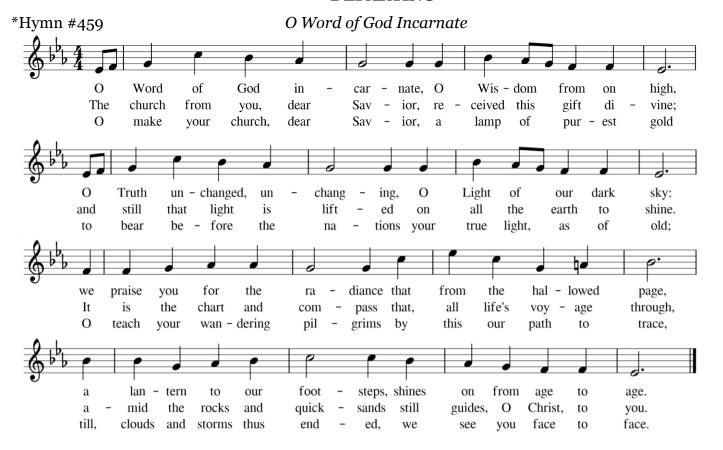
Interlude Ave Maria Franz Schubert

Scripture John 1:1-18

Sermon

We've Grown Accustomed to His Face

DEPARTING



*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 ourdoors.

Congregational Meeting

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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

January 3, 2nd Sunday of Christmas – Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:10-18 January 10, 3rd Baptism of the Lord – Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

Congregational Meeting

Today immediately following the worship service, we will hold a congregational meeting for the purpose of electing elders for the upcoming year. Though the slate is not yet complete, our nominees thus far include Kari Alderman, Roland Hill, Jan Hirsh, and Minor Vernon.

PRAYER CONCERNS

If you have a need or a request for prayer, please contact the church office.

Current Member Concerns: Ann R. Smith; Karen Jones; Jewel James; Ann Hall; Jane Ebey; John Hurst; Jon Geerlings; Mary Ann Ellis; Kathy Wheeler; Shelby Duffy; Fran Mayhew; Betty Barlow; Suzann Smith Current Friends and Family Concerns: Margaret Yawn; Donna Carole Kitchens; Nelda Crow; Kirk Knox Military Personnel Prayer List: Austin Riley; 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

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