



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

January 24, 2021

10:30am

GATHERING

Welcome

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

Prelude

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Dale Wood

Call to Worship — based on Psalm 62

For God alone my soul waits in silence,
for my hope is from the Lord.

**God alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

On God rests my deliverance and my honor;
my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

**Trust in the Lord at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before the Spirit;
God is a refuge for us.**

Once God has spoken;
twice have I heard this:

**all power and mercy belong to God,
and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord.**

Morning Prayer

*Hymn #12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise, in light in - ac - ces - si - ble
 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light, nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou
 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small. In all life thou liv - est, the
 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light. Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all
 hid from our eyes, most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 rul - est in might; thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 true life of all. We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 veil - ing their sight. All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see
 al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Call to Confession — based on Isaiah 30

**In repentance and rest is our salvation,
 in quietness and trust is our strength.
 The Lord longs to be gracious to us.
 The Lord rises to show us compassion.
 For the Lord is God of justice.
 Blessed are all who wait for God.**

Prayers of Confession

Merciful God,
 for the things we have done that we regret, **forgive us ...**
 for the things we have failed to do that we regret, **forgive us ...**
 for all the times we have acted without love, **forgive us ...**
 for all the times we have reacted without thought, **forgive us ...**
 for all the times we have withdrawn care, **forgive us ...**
 for all the times we have failed to forgive, **forgive us ...**

**For hurtful words said and helpful words unsaid,
 for unfinished tasks and unfulfilled hopes,
 God of all mercy,
 forgive us and help us
 to lay down our burden of regret.
 Hear our prayers ...**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Interlude

It is Well with My Soul
 Catherine Woody, piano

arr. John Innes

*Signs of Peace

LISTENING

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Scripture

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Hymn #451

Open My Eyes, That I May See

O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.
 O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send - est clear.
 O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery-where.

5
 Place in my hands the won-der-ful key that shall un-clasp and set me free.
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery-thing false will dis - ap-pear.
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with thy chil - dren thus to share.

9
 Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy will to see.

13
 O - pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!

Scripture

Jonah 3:1-10

Sermon

Diamonds in the Rough: God Sends Jonah to Love**DEPARTING**

*Hymn #450

Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all
 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word; I ev - er
 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise; thou mine in -
 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won, may I reach

6
 else to me, save that thou art; thou my best thought, by
 with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my soul's shel - ter, and
 her - i - tance, now and al - ways; thou and thou on - ly,
 heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what -

11
 day or by night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 thou my high tower; raise thou me heaven-ward, O Power of my power.
 first in my heart, High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 ev - er be - fall, still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

*Affirmation of Faith

from the 1998 Presbyterian Study Catechism

Question 1. What is God's purpose for your life?

God wills that I should live by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, for the love of God, and in the communion of the Holy Spirit.

Question 2. How do you live by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ?

I am not my own. I have been bought with a price. The Lord Jesus Christ loved me and gave himself for me. I entrust myself completely to his care, giving thanks each day for his wonderful goodness.

Question 3. How do you live for the love of God?

I love because God first loved me. God loves me in Christ with a love that never ends. Amazed by grace, I no longer live for myself. I live for the Lord who died and rose again, triumphant over death, for my sake. Therefore, I take those around me to heart, especially those in particular need, knowing that Christ died for them no less than for me.

*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

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Information & Announcements

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

3rd Sunday after Epiphany – Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

4th Sunday after Epiphany – Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

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; Jack Gleaton; Donna Shuford
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: Kari Alderman; Emily Brown; Lynn Denny; Roland Hill; Jan Hirsh; Beau Kitchens; Melissa McDougald; Charlotte Nolan; Sandra Ridgeway; Minor Vernon

RALPH HAWKINS, Pastor and Teaching Elder PAUL EVANS, Parish Associate

SANDRA SMITH, Music Director KAREN JONES, Clerk of Session

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Office hours this week: Monday through Friday 8:00-1:00