



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

February 14, 2021

10:30am

GATHERING

Welcome

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

Prelude

O Perfect Love

arr. Don Hustad

Call to Worship — adapted from Psalm 50

The Almighty God, the Lord of life, speaks;

God calls to the whole earth from east to west.

God shines from a holy place,

a city perfect in its beauty and holiness.

Our God is coming, but not in silence;

a passionate fire is in front of him,

a wind of truth around him.

God calls heaven and earth as witnesses

to see the people judged with truth and mercy.

God says, "Gather my faithful people to me,
those who made a covenant with me to worship and love."

**The heavens proclaim that God alone is righteous,
that God alone is our judge and our redeemer.**

Morning Prayer

All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us
 O broth-er wind with clouds and rain, you nur-ture gifts of fruit and
 O broth-er fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shad-ows of the
 All who for love of God for-give, all who in pain or sor-row
 6
 sing, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! O broth-er sun with gold-en
 grain. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! O sis-ter wa-ter, flow-ing
 night. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Dear moth-er earth, who day by
 grieve, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your
 12
 beam, O sis-ter moon with sil-ver gleam, Sing prais-es!
 clear, make mu-sic for your Lord to hear.
 day un-folds such bless-ings on our way,
 fears; so, e-ven in the midst of tears,
 18
 Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

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

God of the transfiguration,
 whose light shone on Jesus,
 you meet us in the ordinary
 as well as the extraordinary moments of this life.

**We seek you in the valleys and on the mountaintops.
 Yet we admit that too often our eyes are blind to your presence,
 too often our ears are deaf to your holy call.
 When you reach out to us
 through the cries of the hungry and homeless,
 in the voices of those who long for wholeness,
 too often our hearts shrink from your presence.
 Forgive us, we pray,
 and set us free to love and serve.**

Hear now our silent prayers,
 made in the strong name of Jesus ...

Assurance of Forgiveness

And you, most gen - tle sis - ter death, wait - ing to hus our fin - al
O sis - ters, bro - thers, take your part, and wor - ship God with hum - ble
6
breath: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Since Christ our light has pierce your
heart. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! All crea - tures, bless the Fath - er,
12
gloom, fair is the night that leads us home. Sing prais - es!
Son and Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One!
19
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Signs of Peace

LISTENING

Prayers of the People

Interlude

The Gift of Love
Ella Cole Alderman, soprano

Hal Hopson

Scripture

Mark 9:2-9

Hymn #459

O Word of God Incarnate

O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
The church from you, dear Sav - ior, re - ceived this gift di - vine;
O make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of pur - est gold
O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
and still that light is lift - ed on all the earth to shine.
to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;
we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,
O teach your wan - dering pil - grims by this our path to trace,
a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
a - mid the rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.
till, clouds and storms thus end - ed, we see you face to face.

Scripture

2 Kings 2:1-12

Sermon

Diamonds in the Rough: Whirlwinds, Mountaintops, Clouds

DEPARTING

*Hymn #839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! O what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-
Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect-de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my
Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and
vine! Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it,
sight; an-gels de-scend-ing, bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy,
blest, watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness,
wased in his blood. This is my sto-ry; this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior
whis-pers of love.
lost in his love.
all the day long; this is my sto-ry; this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

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

Transfiguration of the Lord – 2 Kings 2:12; Psalm 50:1-6; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9
1st Sunday in Lent – Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 19:9-15

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; Frank Clark

Current Friends and Family Concerns: Margaret Yawn; Donna Carole Kitchens; Nelda Crow; Kirk Knox; Chrissy and Ronnie Hill

Military Personnel Prayer List: Austin Riley; T. Wright Goodwin, IV; James C Watwood; Joshua Sulkers; Isaac Faulkenstine

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