



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2021

10:30am

GATHERING

Welcome

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

Prayer in Silence

Prelude

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

arr. Roy Brunner

Prayer in Words

*Hymn #182

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad; I
I came to Je - sus and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream; my
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and



found in him a rest - ing place and he has made me glad.
thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
in that light of life I'll walk till trav - eling days are done.

Call to Confession — based on Isaiah 55

Let us worship through prayer with God,
for whom our souls thirst and our bodies long.

Let us listen for God's word,
and our souls will delight in the richest of fare.

We have come to hear the good news God has sent.

God's Word will not return empty
but will accomplish in us God's holy purpose.

Let us pray to God in spirit and in truth.

Then we will go out with joy and be led forth in peace,

the mountains and the hills will sing,
the trees of the field will clap their hands.

O God, hear our silent prayers ...

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness — based on Psalm 91

Those who love me, I will deliver, says the Lord;

I will protect those who know my name.

When they call to me, I will answer them;

I will be with them in trouble.

I will rescue them and honor them

and show them my salvation.

Receive the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Hymn #175

Seek Ye First



Seek ye first the king - dom of God and its righ - teous - ness,
Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek, and you shall find;
You shall not live by bread a - lone, but by ev - ery word



and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you.
that pro - ceeds from the mouth of God.

Remembering God's Law

What is the great and first commandment?

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

What is the second commandment like it?

Love your neighbor as well as you love yourself.

What does this mean?

Love is the fulfilling of all God's laws.

To what does this call us?

To a life of faith working through love.

*Sharing Signs of Peace

LISTENING

Prayers of Intercession

Scripture

Matthew 6:19-23

Interlude

Ah, Holy Jesus
NPC Bell Choir

arr. Lloyd Larson

Scripture

Philippians 4:1-9

Sermon

Lent: Think about whatever is HONORABLE

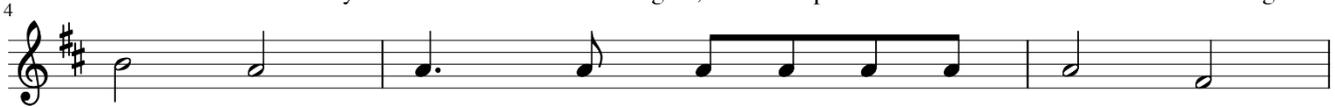
DEPARTING

*Hymn #542

God Be with You



God be with you till we meet a - gain; lov - ing coun - sels guide, up -
God be with you till we meet a - gain; un - seen wings pro - tect - ing
God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con -
God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's ban - ner float - ing



hold you, with a shep - herd's care en - fold you:
hide you, dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you:
found you, put un - fail - ing arms a - round you:
o'er you; smite death's threat - ening wave be - fore you:



God be with you till we meet a - gain.

*Prayer in Silence

*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

Feb. 28, 2nd Sunday in Lent – Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38
Mar. 7, 3rd Sunday in Lent – Exodus 10:1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

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; 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 Falkenstine

Easter Lilies

We prayerfully and joyously celebrate our opportunity to gather for worship this Easter after it was so strangely disrupted last year. Because we will be gathering in-person (and still online) we will have potted lilies again in our sanctuary. We ask that each member of our congregation consider purchasing a potted lily for \$12 in honor, memory, or celebration of a person or occasion. Each person who plans to attend worship in person and purchases a lily will be contacted about donating and delivering their lily to another church member who is unable to attend in-person. The deadline for ordering lilies will be Sunday, March 21. We thank you for not only using this opportunity to celebrate and memorialize the gifts for which God has blessed you, but also bringing a beautiful reminder of God's love and hope to those who are unable to physically be with us.

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

BENJAMIN GAIL, Sexton JENNIFER WHITEHEAD, Ministry Assistant

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

