



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

Day of Pentecost

May 23, 2021

10:30am

GATHERING

Scripture Reading — Acts 2:1-4

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Prelude

Gracious Spirit Dwell with Me
Pat McCall, violin

arr. K. Lee Scott

Call to Worship — based on Psalm 104

O Lord, how amazing are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all.

The earth is full of your creatures.

**Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great.**

These all look to you

to give them their food in due season;

when you give to them, they gather it up;

when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

**When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the creation.**

May the glory of the Lord endure forever;

may the Lord rejoice in God's many works.

God looks on the earth and it trembles.

God touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

**May our meditations be pleasing to God,
for we rejoice in the Lord!**

Morning Prayer

*Hymn #289

On Pentecost They Gathered

On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day, a band of Christ's disciples, to worship, sing, and pray. A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air, and tongues of fire a-glowing inspired each person there. The people all around them were startled and amazed to understand their language, as Christ the Lord they praised. What universal message, what great good news was here? That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.

God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe, on women, men, and children who would God's grace receive. That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power. The church, formed and reforming, responds in every hour.

O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago, rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow. O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise, so folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.

Welcome

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

CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

Wind of God,
blow far from us
all dark despair,
all deep distress,
all groundless fears,
all pointless desires,
all the world's snares,
all false values,
all selfish wishes,
all wasteful worries.

[silent prayer]

Blow into us,
Holy Spirit,
your holy presence,
your living love,
your healing touch,
your splendid courage,
your mighty strength,
your perfect peace,
your caring concern,
your divine grace,
your boundless joy.

[silent prayer]

Wind of God,
blow strong,
blow fresh,
blow now.
Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Scripture Reading – Ezekiel 37:1-14

*Response to Forgiveness #581

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

LISTENING

Moment for Mission – Rev. George Haugen

Hymn #291

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

[Refrain] Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free. Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters; you called to the deep; then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep; and over the eons you called to each thing, “Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.” [to refrain]

You swept through the desert; you stung with the sand; and you goaded your people with a law and a land. When they were confounded with idols and lies, then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. [to refrain]

You sang in a stable; you cried from a hill; then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still. And down in the city, you called once again when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. [to refrain]

You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes; from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams. Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes. With bold new decisions your people arise. [to refrain]

Scripture Reading – Acts 2:1-21

Interlude

King of Kings
Robin Cowart, soprano

Hilsong

Sermon

And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?

*Hymn #318

In Christ There Is No East or West

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north, but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find; his service is the golden cord close-binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, what e'er your race may be. All children of the living God are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north. All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

SENDING

*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 or by scanning the QR code to the right.



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

May 23, Day of Pentecost – Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34; Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15
May 30, Trinity Sunday – Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

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; Fran Mayhew; Betty Barlow; Ricky Smith; Jack Gleaton; Donna Shuford; Frank Clark

Current Friends and Family Concerns: Margaret Yawn; Donna Carole Kitchens; Nelda Crow; Hazel Crow & Family

Military Personnel Prayer List: Austin Riley; James C Watwood; Joshua Sulkers; Isaac Falkenstine

Pentecost Special Offering

A foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life. By receiving the Pentecost Offering, you are nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come – children, youth, and young adults. A special offering envelope is provided.

Youth help needed for VBS at Wayside PC

Wayside Presbyterian church in Gray is hosting VBS this summer on June 21 through 25 from 5:30-7pm. We would like our youth to step up and help with this wonderful event with our sister church. If your teen is willing and able to help with this event any or all of these dates, please let Ralph, Melissa McDougald, or Helene Olk know.

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