



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

Trinity Sunday

May 23, 2021

10:30am

GATHERING

Welcome

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

Prelude

My Country

arr. Gayden Sikes

Call to Worship — based on Psalm 29

Give all credit to the Eternal, O creatures;
give praise to God for God's glory and power.

**Give to the Eternal the glory due God's name;
worship God today with lavish displays of sacred splendor.**

The voice of the Eternal echoes over the waters;
God's magnificence roars like thunder.

The Eternal's presence hovers over all the earth.

God's voice explodes in great power over the land.

God's voice is both regal and grand.

We ask You, Eternal One,
to give strength to Your people;

**Eternal One, Living God,
bless them with the gift of peace.**

Morning Prayer

*Hymn #15

All Creatures of Our God and King

verses 1-4

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia! O brother sun with golden beam, O sister moon with silver gleam, sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother wind with clouds and rain, you nurture gifts of fruit and grain. Alleluia! Alleluia! O sister water, flowing clear, make music for your Lord to hear. Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shadows of the night. Alleluia! Alleluia! Dear mother earth, who day by day unfolds such blessings on our way, sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All who for love of God forgive, all who in pain or sorrow grieve, Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ bears your burdens and your fears; so even in the midst of tears, sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

**Triune God,
Lover, Beloved, and Love itself,
we praise you as the God of all life.
Though Jesus prayed that we would be one,
we confess that we fail to live in unity with each other and with you.
We often break our communion through hostile words and unkind actions.**

[silent prayer]

We long for your Spirit to heal us and to correct us.
We long for you to help us experience communion
with you and with each other
as we gather around your Word again today.

**Even now,
dependent on your grace,
we commit ourselves to live more fully
in the living unity you desire.
Through Jesus,
our Lord,
Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Response to Forgiveness #15

All Creatures of Our God and King

verse 6

O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God with humble heart. Alleluia! Alleluia! All creatures, bless the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Three in One! Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Signs of Peace

LISTENING

Interlude

I Vow to Thee My Country
Rebecca Layfield, soprano

G. Holst

Announcements

Prayers of the People

Scripture Reading – John 3:1-17

Affirmation of Faith – from the 1998 Presbyterian Study Catechism

Question 16. What does it mean to say that we human beings are created in the image of God?

That God created us to live together in love and freedom -- with God, with one another, and with the world. Our distinctive capacities -- reason, imagination, volition and so on -- are given primarily for this purpose. We are created to be loving companions of others so that something of God's goodness may be reflected in our lives.

Question 17. What does our creation in God's image reflect about God's reality?

Our being created in and for relationship is a reflection of the Holy Trinity. In the mystery of the one God, the three divine persons -- Father, Son and Holy Spirit -- live in, with and for one another eternally in perfect love and freedom.

Question 18. What does our creation in God's image reflect about God's love for us?

We are created to live wholeheartedly for God. When we honor our Creator as the source of all good things, we are like mirrors reflecting back the great beam of love that God shines on us. We are also created to honor God by showing love toward other human beings.

Hymn #309

Come, Great God of All the Ages

Come, great God of all the ages; make your earthly mission known; speak through every deed and person let your way and will be shown. Guide the church to true commitment; give direction now, we ask; fit us for the work of building; dedicate us to the task.

Come, Christ Jesus, flesh and spirit, sure foundation, cornerstone; help us from the church eternal; may your vision be our own. Send a message to each follower; lead all people to your way; urge us to strong faith and action as we build the church today.

Come, great Spirit, in and with us, tune our ears to hear your call; through the moving of your presence, let redeeming love recall ministry in dedication, love embodied in our deeds; challenge us to do your bidding, see your purpose, fill all needs.

Come, O Come, in celebration, household of the one true God; in commitment and rejoicing let us go where Christ has trod; as we act in faith and reverence, let us, Lord, the future see; place us in the church triumphant now and for eternity.

Scripture Reading – Romans 8:12-17

Sermon

Lucile's Legacy, or "Heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ"

*Hymn #366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast; let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest. Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our heart at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive; suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee: changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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

The U.S. Armed Forces Melody

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Information & Announcements

Student Pastor Intern



Brandon Davis is a third-year M. Div student at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA. Brandon is originally from Goldsboro, NC but spent the last 10 years in the western NC mountains. He received a BA in Religious Studies from Appalachian State in 2014. After graduating, he worked for a Presbyterian Church as a youth pastor from 2015 until 2020 in Banner Elk, NC. During his free time, Brandon enjoys playing disc golf, watching the New Orleans Saints and UNC basketball, and reading outside. He is really excited for the opportunity to join Northminster and Wayside for this summer internship! If you would like to send Brandon a welcome message or note of encouragement, his email address is brandondavis919@gmail.com and his cell phone number is 828-773-3923.

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 30, Trinity Sunday – Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

June 6, 2nd Sunday after Pentecost – 1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20; Psalm 138; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35

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

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

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