



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

June 13, 2021

10:30am

GATHERING

Greeting

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

Prelude

All Creatures of Our God and King
Edward Clark, saxophone

arr. Stephen DeCesare

Call to Worship — based on Ezekiel 34

This is what the Sovereign Lord says:

“I myself will search for my sheep and look after them.”

**As shepherds look after their scattered flocks when they are with them,
So will the Lord look after God’s sheep.**

“I will tend them in good pasture,

And the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land.”

God will be the one to tend God’s sheep and to search for the lost.

God will bring back the strays and strengthen the weak.

Let us worship our God!

Opening Prayer

*Hymn #611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love! Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays; stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field the forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began. Love divine is reigning o’er us, joining all in heaven’s plan. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife. Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Confession

**Gracious and loving God,
we find it difficult at times to place our trust in you.
Too often we look at the world,
and see only violence, pain, destruction,
and signs of hopelessness and despair.
Too often we rely on our own strength,
our own plans, our own devices,
rather than trusting in your hand to hold us,
your love to sustain us,
and your wisdom to see us through.
Forgive us, Holy One.
Help us turn to you when we are lost,
that we might find our way home.
Help us navigate the treacherous waters of this world,
that we might experience your abundant grace, mercy, and love.
Help us put our trust in you,
that the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus
may shine in our lives for all to see.
God of mercy, hear now our prayers...**

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn #634

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory; great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory: great things he has done!

Great things he has taught us; great things he has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; but purer and higher and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice! O come, to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory: great things he has done!

*Passing of the Peace

Announcements

LISTENING

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture – Ezekiel 34:11-15

Interlude

His Eye Is On the Sparrow

arr. Stephen DeCesare

Scripture – Luke 15:1-10

Sermon

Seeking, Finding, and The Invitation To Rejoice

DEPARTING

*Hymn #741

Guide My Feet

Guide my feet while I run this race; guide my feet while I run this race; guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Hold my hand while I run this race; hold my hand while I run this race; hold my hand while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Stand by me while I run this race; Stand by me while I run this race; Stand by me while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

I'm your child while I run this race; I'm your child while I run this race; I'm your child while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Search my heart while I run this race; Search my heart while I run this race; Search my heart while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Guide my feet while I run this race; guide my feet while I run this race; guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

*Affirmation of Faith — The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*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



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 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

June 13, 3rd Sunday after Pentecost – 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13; Psalm 20; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34
June 20, 4th Sunday after Pentecost – 1 Samuel 17:32-49; Psalm 9:9-20; Job 38:1-11; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

Sanctuary Flowers

Flowers this week have been given by Sarah Morrow to the glory of God and for his Forever Amazing Grace.

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. Some of our youth have stepped up to help with this wonderful event with our sister church. If you would like to join our youth and help with any or all of these dates, please let Ralph, Melissa McDougald, or Helene Olk know.

Flowers for sanctuary

Let There Be Flowers! Due to many requests, we are reinstating our practice of having fresh floral arrangements each Sunday. We will have one large arrangement weekly. A sign-up chart will be available in the foyer for you to reserve your special date and share your important life events with our church family!

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

