



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

June 20, 2021

10:30am

GATHERING

Greeting

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

Prelude

This Is My Father's World

David H. Hegarty

Call to Worship — based on Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it:
the world, and those who live in it.

**For God has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.**

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?

And who shall stand in his God's holy place?

**Those who have clean lives and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false.**

We bless God again today

for God's grace shared through Jesus our Christ.

Opening Prayer

*Hymn #41

O Worship the King

O worship the King, all glorious above! O gratefully sing God's power and God's love: our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space, whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form; and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, your power has founded of old; established it fast by a changeless decree, and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air; it shines in the light; it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in you do we trust, nor find you to fail; your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Confession

**Gracious and loving God,
our sins are often too heavy to carry,
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and whatever has become for us
a consuming fire of judgment.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace to grow more and more
in your likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.
Hear our prayers ...**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hymn #39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee. Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not. As thou has been thou forever wilt be. Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see. All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see. All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow: blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see. All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

*Passing of the Peace

LISTENING

Interlude

Hymn for Father's Day
Rebecca Layfield, soprano

MELITA

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture – 1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49

Sermon

David and Goliath

DEPARTING

*Hymn #321

The Church's One Foundation

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord. She is his new creation by water and the word. From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride. With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth, her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth. One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with every grace endured.

Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed, by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed, yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?" And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace forevermore: till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest, and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won: O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

*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

Fanfare

Gary Wirsz

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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

Sanctuary Flowers

Flowers this week have been given to the glory of God by the children of Gene & Janet Kelly in celebration of their 64th wedding anniversary.

Lectionary Readings

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

June 27, 5th Sunday after Pentecost – 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43

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

Men's clothes needed

The NPC Neighborhood Committee continues its service to our local community. Currently, there is a need through Macon Recovers for men's casual business clothes as well as yard-work clothes. There are men seeking jobs with lawn care companies in particular and would benefit from clothes for their interview and clothes to work in. If you have any donations, please place them in the "Neighborhood Nook" bin in the narthex.

Christmas in July

The neighborhood committee's backpack ministry, benefiting Rosa Taylor Elementary School, is gearing up for our annual Christmas in July offering. The student majority at Rosa Taylor come from low-income families who are often unable to help provide necessary school supplies for the classrooms. Teachers often need to purchase shared materials for their classrooms. The goal of the Christmas in July offering is to help provide teachers with many of the tools they need for their classrooms. Stay tuned for more information – this offering will run from July 4th through 25th.

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 is in the foyer for you to reserve your special date and share your important life events with our church family!

Office Hours

The church office will be closed Thursday, June 24th.

Visiting those who are homebound

As more assisted living facilities begin allowing visitors, our Congregational Care committee asks that our members who are able consider visiting with some of our members who are homebound or have been more isolated this year. Covid has been especially difficult on those who have not been allowed in-person contact with friends or family. One example is Ann Smith, who always loves to see her church family. Consider making a trip out to John Wesley located at 5471 Thomaston Road. She would welcome any visitors. Other members (living at Carlyle Place) include Kay Allen, Emily Bredeson, Jane Ebey, Jon Geerling, John Hurst, Jewel James, Jane Prentice, Doris Vann, and Gail Rabai. If you would like more detail about visiting, including directions and visitor policies, please contact the church office.

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 -Wednesday & Friday 8:00-1:00