



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

June 27, 2021

10:30am

GATHERING

Greeting

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

Prelude

Holy, Holy, Holy
Pat McCall & Kyla Gwyn

arr. K. L. Phillips

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship — based on Hymn 35

All you saints with ears to hear,
now to God's sanctuary let us draw near;
join me in glad adoration today!

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise God, for the Lord is our health and salvation!

Surely you have seen how all of your needs,
all our joys and all our sorrows
have been borne by such a loving Lord.

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise God, for the Lord is our health and salvation!

So I say let your Amen

sound out among God's people again.

Because gladly today we adore our living Lord.

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise God, for the Lord is our health and salvation!

*Hymn #35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for aye we adore him.

CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Living God:

You raised your beloved Son
from the tomb of all our temptations.

By your Holy Spirit
you sent his church into the world
to comfort the afflicted
and challenge the comfortable.

**We confess again today how often we his people
prefer the comfort of your loving embrace
over the challenge of your clear calling.
Often we would rather nestle in your arms
than open up our own to others
whom you send across our paths.
Forgive us when we cling to inward grace
but ignore your outward call.
And thank you for never making us choose
one
to the exclusion of the
other,
for we bless you for both.
Hear now our personal prayers
in the name of Jesus ...**

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Passing of the Peace

LISTENING

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture – Proverbs 3:1-7

Musical Offering

Come Thou Fount

Sarah Elizabeth Falkenstine & Dante Macy

Scripture – Luke 16:1-13

Sermon

SUMMER OF PARABLES: The shrewd manager

DEPARTING

*Hymn #724

O Jesus, I Have Promised

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend; I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side, nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near: I see the sights that dazzle; the tempting sounds I hear. My foes are ever near me, around me and within; but, Jesus, draw thou nearer and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still, above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will; O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control; O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be. And, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.

*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

Every Time I Feel the Spirit
Pat McCall & Kyla Gwyn

arr. Gert Walter

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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 Jan Hirsh in celebration of Isabel Davis' 90th birthday.

Lectionary Readings

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

July 4, 6th Sunday after Pentecost – 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; Psalm 48; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

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.

Office Hours and Schedule

With summer upon us and in light of our sexton's absence due to health issues, office hours will be flexible these months. Normal hours will remain 8:00am-1:00pm, Monday through Friday, but please call the church office prior to coming by to ensure Jennifer is in the building. We thank you for your patience during these summer months.

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.

Flint River's "Wellness in Your Wiser Years"

Flint River Presbytery would like to invite all congregants to take part in the upcoming wellness class, "Prevention Tips for Staying Healthy." Hosted by doctors Sandra Zornes and Lynn Denny, this class will provide helpful advice on how to stay OUT of the doctor's office, including things that you may not know that will help you feel more confident and assured. This class is schedule for Monday, July, 26th at 2pm via Zoom. Please email Elizabeth Cantrell at Flint River (ecantrell@flintriverpresbytery.org) for log-in information.

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