



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

June 6, 2021

10:30am

GATHERING

Greeting

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

Prelude

Break Thou the Bread of Life

Dennis Johnson

Call to Worship — based on Isaiah 58

As we break our communion fast today,
we remember the word of Lord in Isaiah:

**Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of slavery,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every hard yoke?**

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from those in need?

**Then God's light shall break forth like the dawn,
and God's healing shall spring up quickly;
our vindicator shall go before us,
the glory of the Lord shall be our rear guard.**

Then we shall call,

and the Lord will answer;

we shall cry for help,

and God will say,

Here I am.

Opening Prayer

*Hymn #32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise, that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day. The moon shines full as God's command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord who filled the earth with food. God formed the creatures through the Word, and pronounced them good. Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye, if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known. And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne, while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care, and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.

CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Confession — based on Psalm 51

Merciful God,
you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.
We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.
We have not always loved you with a pure heart,
nor have we always loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We have often not done justice, loved kindness,
or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God.

**In your great compassion,
cleans us from our sin.**

**Create in us a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.**

**Do not cast us from your presence,
or take your Holy Spirit from us.**

**Restore to us the joy of your salvation
and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

Hear now our prayers ...

*Hymn #647

Give Thanks

Give thanks, with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. Give thanks, with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!" And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!" Give thanks. Give thanks.

*Passing of the Peace

Announcements

LISTENING

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture — Joel 2:1-13

Scripture — Matthew 4:1-11

Sermon

Beyond COVID: May angels come and wait on us

FEASTING

*Hymn #525

Let Us Break Bread Together

Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right for us to give thanks and praise...**

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom Come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sharing of Bread and Cup

All who desire the communion meal are invited to come forward to the table, receive a portion of bread from the pastor, take a cup from one of the elders, and return to the pew. We will share in the cup together once everyone has been served.

Music during Communion

Seek the Lord
Rebecca Layfield, soprano

John Carter

Closing Unison Prayer

God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life.

May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Lord. Amen.

DEPARTING

*Hymn #647

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*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

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 6, 2nd Sunday after Pentecost – 1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20; Psalm 138; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35
June 13, 3rd Sunday after Pentecost – 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13; Psalm 20; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34

Sanctuary Flowers

Flowers this week have been given to the glory of God by Boyd & Mary Wain Ellison in loving memory of Mary Wain's brother, Charles A. Ingram.

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, Wednesday - Friday 8:00-1:00
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