



# NORTHMINSTER

## *Presbyterian Church*

July 18, 2021

10:30am

### GATHERING

#### Greeting

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

#### Prelude

*We Praise You, O God*  
Tom Granum, guest organist

Charles Callahan

#### Opening Prayer

#### Call to Worship

We praise you today, O God,  
our Redeemer and Creator.

**In grateful devotion our worship we bring.**

We lay it before you.

We kneel and adore you.

**We bless your holy name. Glad praises we sing.**

With voices united

our praises again we offer

**And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.**

With you, Lord, beside us,  
your strong arm will guide us.

**To you, our great God, forevermore be praise!**

#### \*Hymn #612

*We Praise You, O God*

[All] We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

[Women] We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers; through trial and tempest our guide you have been. When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us, and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

[All] With voices united our praises we offer and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.  
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us. To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

## CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Our heavenly Father,  
forgive us for thinking small thoughts of you  
and for ignoring your immensity and greatness.**

**Lord Jesus,  
Savior and Brother,  
forgive us when we forget that you rule  
the nations and also our small lives.**

**Holy Spirit,  
our Light and Life,  
we offend you in minimizing your power  
and squandering your good gifts in this life.**

We confess that our blindness to your glory,  
O triune God, has often resulted in  
shallow confession,  
tepid conviction,  
and only mild repentance.

**Have mercy upon us.  
In Jesus' name, hear our prayers ...**

Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Passing of the Peace

## LISTENING

Announcements and Invitations

Prayers of Intercession and 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.**

Hymn #764

*For the Troubles and the Sufferings*

*Please remain seated. Soloists will sing one time. Please sing when indicated by the soloists.*

For the troubles and the sufferings of the world, God, we call upon your mercy:  
the whole creation's laboring in pain!

Lend an ear to the rising cry for help from oppressed and hopeless people:  
Come! Hasten your salvation, healing love!

We pray for peace, the blessed peace that comes from making justice,  
to cover and embrace us. Have mercy, Lord!

We pray for power, the power that will sustain your people's witness:  
until your Kingdom come, Kyrie eleison!

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture – Philippians 4:1-9

Hymn #835

*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

Just a closer walk with thee, grant it Jesus, is my plea,  
daily walking close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.  
I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.

Just a closer walk with thee, grant it Jesus, is my plea,  
daily walking close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.  
Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.

Just a closer walk with thee, grant it Jesus, is my plea,  
daily walking close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.  
When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;  
Guide me gently safely o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore.

Scripture – Luke 11:5-13

Sermon

**SUMMER OF PARABLES: The Friend at Midnight**

**DEPARTING**

\*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 hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return and never, never more 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.

\*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

*Tune in D*

C. S. Lang

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:pastorhawkins@northminstermacon.org)

### Sanctuary Flowers

Flowers this week have been given to the glory of God by Judy & Roland Hill, and Ritchie & Martha Cummings in honor of their wonderful sister, Catherine Wooddy on her birthday.

### Lectionary Readings

July 18, 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – 2 Samuel 7:1-14a, Psalm 89:20-37; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34  
July 25, 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – 2 Samuel 11:1-15, Psalm 14; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

### PRAYER CONCERNS

If you have a need or a request for prayer, please contact the church office.

Current Member Concerns: Ann R. Smith; Jewel James; Ann Hall; Jane Ebey; Jon Geerlings; Kathy Wheeler; Betty Barlow; 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

### Bible Study with Brandon

The book of Jonah is one that is often read to young children, but rarely studied by adults. We tell the story of Jonah being swallowed by the whale but eventually he is spit out to live with God, but the story is so much more complex than that summary. This summer, join Brandon as we explore the fear, pride, fleeing, and pouting of Jonah on Wednesday evenings, 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall through August 4.

### Flint River Presbytery continues: Wellness in your wiser years

No matter what our age, assuming responsibility for our health may seem like a daunting task. But, there is no time like the present! Flint River Presbytery wants to provide helpful resources we can all use, no matter where you may find yourself on the healthcare spectrum! To that end, FRP has put together a series of classes taught by professionals in their fields, titled "Wellness in Our Wiser Years" that include tips on how to get the most out of your doctor's appointment and the next in the series, "**Prevention Tips for Staying Healthy.**" Taught by TWO doctors, Lynn Denny and Sandra Zornes, we will learn how to stay OUT of the doctor's office altogether!! We are passionate about these classes and the good they do. Please consider inviting your friends over for tea and participate in these Zoom classes together. You may learn something that will save your life - or the life of someone you love.

Join us, **Monday, July 26th at 2pm via Zoom** for "Prevention Tips for Staying Healthy." You absolutely won't regret it! Email Elizabeth Cantrell at [ecantrell@flintriverpresbytery.org](mailto:ecantrell@flintriverpresbytery.org) to register.

### Youth

Inviting all youth to mark your calendars for Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup> for a float down the river at Amerson River Park. Time is to be announced.

### 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