



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

August 1, 2021

10:30am

GATHERING

Greeting

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

Prelude

My Spirit Be Joyful

JS Bach

Ray Lawrence, trumpet and Edward Clark, Saxophone

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship — based on Hymn 625

O Lord my God, when we in awesome wonder
consider all the beauty your hands have made,
**We see the stars, we hear the rolling thunder,
your power throughout this universe displayed.**

And when we think that God, a Son not sparing,
sent him to bless us, we scarce can take it in,
**that on the cross, our burdens gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away every sin:**

So sing our souls, our Savior God, to thee:

How great you are!

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*Hymn #625

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!

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When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!

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And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!
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When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, "My God how great thou art!"
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!
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CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Beloved God,
infinitely merciful in love,
generous beyond all our imaginations,
we confess how often we limit your goodness
with our own narrow-mindedness
and our petty assumptions
about who is in and who is out.**

**Thank you for having a heart
infinitely bigger than our own.
And thank you for giving us Jesus,
who shows us your great love
for your good world.**

Hear now our prayers of confession ...

Assurance of Forgiveness — based on Colossians 3
As the chosen ones of God, then, the holy people
whom God loves, let us be clothed
**in heartfelt compassion,
in generosity and humility,
in gentleness and patience.**

Bear with one another; forgive each other
if one of you has a complaint against another.
The Lord has forgiven us; now we must do the same.

Over all these holy clothes, put on love, the perfect bond.
**And may the peace of Christ reign in our hearts,
because it is for this that we were called together in one body.**

*Passing of the Peace

LISTENING

Announcements and Invitations

Prayers of Intercession and Lord's Prayer

Hymn #630

Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O thou of God to earth come down,
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring.
Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host.
Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior, Ruler of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture – Ephesians 2:1-10

Interlude

The Rejoicing

GF Handel

Scripture – Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon

SUMMER OF PARABLES: The laborers in the vineyard

DEPARTING

*Hymn #722

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone.
As you have sought, so let me seek your erring children, lost and lone.

O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wandering and the wavering feet.
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed your hungering ones with manna sweet.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious truths which you impart.
And wing my words that they may reach the hidden depths of many-a heart.

O fill me with your fullness, Lord, until my very heart overflow
in kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

O use me, Lord, use even me, just as you will, and when, and where
until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.

*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

Special Thanks to the NPC Brass Ensemble for leading our music today
and to Tom Jones for the brass transpositions.

Frank Ellis, Tom Jones, Ray Lawrence – trumpet
Edward Clark – saxophone
Jeff Denny, Josh Denny - trombone

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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 Melissa McDougald in honor and celebration of her dear friend, Benjamin Gail.

Lectionary Readings

August 1, 10th Sunday after Pentecost – 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm 51:1-12; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35
August 8, 11th Sunday after Pentecost – 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35

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; Walker Bethune & Family; Military Personnel Prayer List: Austin Riley; James C Watwood; Joshua Sulkers; Isaac Falkenstine

Backpack Ministry

Volunteers needed to deliver food items to Rosa Taylor 1-2 times a month. Some of our volunteers have been helping for several years, and we'd love to see some new faces in this ministry. Please contact Suzann Smith if you can help. 478-718-1021 or rscws4850@gmail.com

Reception for Benjamin Gail – Today after worship service

Immediately following today's service, we invite you to join us for a reception honoring Benjamin Gail and his nearly 12 years of service to Northminster. Monetary gifts will also be collected for Benjamin.

Mark your Calendars:

Train day – Saturday, Oct. 9th (Deadline to register Sept. 30th)

Women's Retreat – Friday, Nov. 12 from 6pm-8:30pm and Saturday, Nov. 13th from 9am-2pm

Office Hours

The church office will be closed this Monday, August 2.

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: Tuesday - Friday 8:00-1:00

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