



# NORTHMINSTER

## *Presbyterian Church*

August 8, 2021

10:30am

### GATHERING

#### Greeting

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

#### Prelude

*Draw Me Close*

arr. Michael Lawrence

Ray Lawrence, trumpet and Susan Van Wick, french horn

#### Opening Prayer

#### Call to Worship

Friends, let us worship God today, for God is great –

**God has blessed us with life, with faith, and with community.**

Let us worship God today, for God is good –

**God forgives us, and encourages us, and loves us.**

Let us worship God today –

**Because we are God's people.**

Let us worship God.

#### \*Hymn #393

*O Day of Rest and Gladness*

O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light, O balm for care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright; on you, the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune, sing "Holy, holy, holy" to the great God triune.

On you, at earth's creation the light first had its birth; on you, for our salvation Christ rose from depths of earth; on you, our Lord victorious sent Spirit forth from heaven. And thus on you, most glorious, a triple light was given.

On you, God's people, meeting, the Holy Scripture hear, Christ's living presence greeting, through bread and wine made near. New graces ever gaining from this our day of rest, we reach the rest remaining to spirits of the blest.

### CONFESSING

#### Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**God of all the saints,  
God of all the sinners,  
hear our prayer.**

**We would be saintlike –  
holy, good, patient, loving.  
But we end up feeling more like sinners –  
full of failures of morality, selfish, mean.**

**Perhaps You see us simply as human –  
as beloved, and flawed, and trying,  
and failing, and succeeding.**

**In all of this,  
forgive the wrong that we have done,  
and bless the good we have accomplished.**

**Keep on loving us,  
and helping us,  
and molding us more and more  
into the image of Christ,  
in whose name we pray...**

Assurance of Forgiveness

\*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.**

\*Passing of the Peace

## LISTENING

Announcements and Invitations

Blessing of our Shared Summer Intern

Scripture – Isaiah 61:1-11

Hymn #459

*O Word of God Incarnate*

O word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high, O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky: we praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page, a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

The church from you, dear Savior, received this gift divine; and still that light is lifted on all the earth to shine. It is the chart and compass that, all life's voyage through, amid the rocks and quick sands still guides, O Christ, to you.

O make your church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold to bear before the nations your true light, as of old; O teach your wandering pilgrims by this our path to trace, till, clouds and storms thus ended, we see you face to face.

Scripture – Luke 6:17-31

Sermon

**The Level Place**

## FEASTING

\*Hymn #504

*We Come as Guests Invited*

We come as guests invited when Jesus bids us dine, his friends on earth united to share the bread and wine; the bread of life is broken; the wine is freely poured for us, in solemn token of Christ our dying Lord.

We eat and drink, receiving from Christ the grace we need, and in our hearts believing on him by faith we feed; with wonder and thanksgiving for love that knows no end, we find in Jesus living our everpresent friend.

One bread is ours for sharing, one single fruitful vine, our fellowship declaring renewed in bread and wine: renewed, sustained, and given by token, sign, and word, the pledge and seal of heaven, the love of Christ our Lord.

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

*There is a Redeemer*

arr. Michael Lawrence

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

\*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

Susan Van Wick – french horn

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](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 Lynn Davis in honor of summer intern, Brandon Davis and in celebration of our Wayside visitors.

### Lectionary Readings

August 8, 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35  
August 15, 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14; Psalm 111; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

### 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 or sign the response sheet if you can help. 478-718-1021 or [racs4850@gmail.com](mailto:racs4850@gmail.com)

### Mark your Calendars:

Women's Retreat – Friday, Nov. 12 from 6pm-8:30pm and Saturday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> from 9am-2pm. Please sign up for additional information to share with family and friends on your response sheet. Registration will begin next Sunday, August 15.

### Interest in Lunch Bunch

Prior to the pandemic, Northminster members and friends would gather on a monthly basis to enjoy lunch together. Before scheduling a day and place to return to this activity, we would like to see if there is enough interest to do so. If you would like to participate on a regular basis in the Northminster Lunch Bunch group, please let Bonnie Diboll know, or indicate such on your response sheet. 478-318-3443 or [home368@cox.net](mailto:home368@cox.net)

### 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

Come take a ride on the

# NORTHMINSTER *Express!*



Saturday, October 9, 2021

## GEORGIA & FLORIDA RAILWAY.

		(Central times)			
P.M.	A.M.	lv.	arr.	P.M.	A.M.
1:35	9:00	lv. Augusta	arr.	5:30	11:45
3:30	11:20	lv. Milton	arr.	9:30	3:45
5:00	1:25	lv. Milton	arr.	3:50	9:05
6:14	1:37	lv. Harmony Junction	arr.	3:20	8:50
6:22	1:44	lv. Emmons	arr.	3:15	8:50
5:30	1:51	lv. Rutts	arr.	3:35	8:58
6:42	2:02	lv. Thrice	arr.	3:58	8:58
6:58	2:15	lv. Garfield	arr.	2:45	8:23
6:12	2:27	lv. Summit	arr.	2:34	8:07
6:02	2:19	lv. Graymont	arr.	2:22	8:03
6:31	2:43	lv. Stillmore	arr.	2:05	7:53
6:45	2:54	lv. Kenfield	arr.	1:48	7:38
6:55	1:05	lv. Oak Park	arr.	1:35	7:30
7:05	1:19	lv. Penhoopoe	arr.	1:28	7:02
7:30	1:38	lv. Normantown	arr.	1:18	6:57
8:00	1:58	lv. Vidalia	arr.	1:00	6:35
8:38	2:25	lv. Vidalia	arr.	12:40	6:13
8:43	2:40	lv. Petros	arr.	12:25	6:00
8:58	2:56	lv. Alaton	arr.	12:04	5:59
8:15	3:13	lv. Charlottesville	arr.	11:55	5:51
8:28	3:28	lv. Orien	arr.	11:43	5:28
8:42	3:59	lv. Hazelhurst	arr.	11:26	5:05
8:58	4:15	lv. Hazelhurst	arr.	11:06	5:05
9:15	4:31	lv. Ruper	arr.	11:11	4:52
9:28	4:45	lv. Denton	arr.	10:56	4:44
9:42	4:59	lv. Gairn	arr.	10:36	4:33
9:58	5:15	lv. Semole	arr.	10:27	4:12
10:12	5:31	lv. Douglas	arr.	10:12	4:00
10:25	5:44	lv. Douglas	arr.	10:10	7:45
10:42	6:01	lv. Vickers	arr.	9:58	7:53
10:58	6:17	lv. Mora	arr.	9:49	7:24
11:14	6:33	lv. O'Sherry	arr.	9:43	7:13
11:30	6:49	lv. Willacoochee	arr.	9:38	7:08
11:46	7:05	lv. Willacoochee	arr.	9:34	7:06
12:02	7:21	lv. Hancock	arr.	9:22	6:58
12:18	7:37	lv. Weber	arr.	9:09	6:45
12:34	7:53	lv. Whites	arr.	8:53	6:32
12:50	8:09	lv. Nashville	arr.	8:53	6:27
1:06	8:25	lv. Nashville	arr.	8:53	6:27
1:22	8:41	lv. Alleville	arr.	8:40	6:12
1:38	8:57	lv. Kay's Mill	arr.	8:30	6:05
1:54	9:13	lv. Barrett	arr.	8:20	5:52
2:10	9:29	lv. Bennett	arr.	8:08	5:41
2:26	9:45	lv. A. C. Junction	arr.	7:50	5:22
2:42	10:01	lv. Valdosta	arr.	7:49	5:22
2:58	10:17	lv. Valdosta	arr.	7:49	5:22

### SCHEDULE

- 9:00am Boarding bus at Northminster
- 9:30am Depart Northminster station
- 11:30am Arrive Nashville depot
- 12:00pm Lunch at Nashville Farmers Market
- 1:00pm **Depart aboard Azalea Sprinter**
- 3:00pm **Return to Nashville depot**
- 3:30pm Depart Nashville on bus
- 5:30pm Return to Northminster station

Bring your own picnic lunch!  
Drinks, ice, and treats provided.



### TICKETS

- \$25 for 1 Presbyterian
- \$45 for 2 Presbyterians
- \$60 for 3 Presbyterians
- \$80 for 4 Presbyterians

Tickets include bus transportation and train ride.

Register in the church office or online at [northminstermacon.org/train](http://northminstermacon.org/train)

sponsored by Charlotte Nolan (Elder) and Ralph & Ella Hawkins (Train Lovers!)