



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

September 19, 2021

10:30am

GATHERING

Greeting

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

Prelude

Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us
Pat McCall, violin

arr. James Michael Stevens

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship — based on Psalm 150

Praise the Lord!

Praise God here in the sanctuary;

praise God out under the vast and beautiful sky!

Praise God for all God's mighty and merciful deeds;

praise God according to God's surpassing greatness!

Praise God with trumpet sound;

praise God with saxophone and harp!

Praise God with handbells and organs;

praise God with strings and voices!

Praise God with water and bread and cup;

praise God with acts of kindness and generosity!

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

We breathe. And so we praise the living God!

*Hymn #641

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride,
it is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia!

How often, making music, we have found a new dimension in the world of sound,
as worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia!

So has the church, in liturgy and song, in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
borne witness to the truth in every tongue: Alleluia!

And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night when utmost evil strove against the light?
And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!

Let every instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!

CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Generous God,
who first called creation into being
and who sang us a new song in Jesus our Lord,
we bless you for your lovely living word,
which comforts our hearts
and challenges our lives.**

**Forgive us when we forget the gospel's tune
and hum along with all the dead idols of our time
and mouth the words to lyrics not born of love.
How often we lose the music of your love.**

**Teach us again the Easter song.
Point us again in Jesus' direction.
Fill us again with your Holy Spirit.**

Hear our prayers ...

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Response to Forgiveness #581

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

*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

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn #741

Guide My Feet

Guide my feet while I run this race; guide my feet while I run this race;
guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Hold my hand while I run this race; hold my hand while I run this race;
hold my hand while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Stand by me while I run this race; stand by me while I run this race;
stand by me while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

I'm your child while I run this race; I'm your child while I run this race;
I'm your child while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Search my heart while I run this race; search my heart while I run this race;
search my heart while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Guide my feet while I run this race; guide my feet while I run this race;
guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture – Psalm 98:1-7

Sermon in Music

My Shepherd will Supply My Need/Wondrous Love
NPC Bell Choir

arr. Barry Braman

Scripture – Ephesians 5:1-20

Sermon in Words

**Make Melody to the Lord in Your Heart...
Even If Your Singing is Lousy**

DEPARTING

*Hymn #353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

His oath his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

*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

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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 Kari & Ella Cole Alderman in celebration of the birthdays of Sam & Sambo Alderman.

Lectionary Readings

September 19, 17th Sunday after Pentecost – Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 1; James 3:13-4:3; Mark 9:30-37

September 26, 18th Sunday after Pentecost – Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22; Psalm 124; James 5:13-20;

Mark 9:38-50

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; Donna Shuford; Frank Clark;

Current Friends and Family Concerns: Margaret Yawn; Donna Carole Kitchens; Nelda Crow; Joel Jones

Military Personnel Prayer List: Austin Riley; Joshua Sulkers; Isaac Falkenstine (Bonnie Diboll's grandson)

Raise the Roof – Loaves & Fishes

You did it! Thank you so much to all who gave generously to the Raise the Roof Campaign. We have reached and surpassed the \$10,000 goal!

Rise Against Hunger – Sunday, October 3rd at 2pm at Forsyth Presbyterian

If you would like to participate in the annual Rise Against Hunger food packing event, mark your calendar for October 3rd. You may also donate online at flitriverpresbytery.org

Train Day – October 9th

There's still room on the train tour in Nashville, GA! Registration deadline is Sept 30th. Cost is \$25 for 1 person \$45 for 2, \$60 for 3, or \$80 for 4. You may register via your Realm account, or by signing up on the enclosed response sheet. Payments may be turned in at the church or mailed in.

Women's Retreat – November 12-13

Registration is open online for the November Women's retreat. All women, ages 13 and wiser, are invited to come and bring a friend, mother, daughter, or other female family member to our fall women's retreat. Author and pastor, Lisa Hickman, will be our guest speaker for this event which will be held Friday from 6pm-8:30pm and Saturday from 9am-2pm at Northminster. Registration will run through November 7th. Registration is \$25 per person.

Peace and Global Witness Special offering

The Peace and Global Witness Offering draws Presbyterians together as active peacemakers and provides education and exposure to those who show us how to do this work well. It allows us to create resources for dealing with conflict and nurturing reconciliation and stand in support of our global sisters and brothers, because the peace of Christ belongs to people everywhere. We will collect this offering on World Communion Sunday, October 3rd.

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;

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 JENNIFER WHITEHEAD, Ministry Assistant

Office hours this week: Monday - Friday 8:30-1:00