



# NORTHMINSTER

## *Presbyterian Church*

October 17, 2021

10:30am

### GATHERING

#### Greeting

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

Prelude

*Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*

arr. Paul Manz

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship — based on hymn 41

O worship our God, who is glorious above!

**We gratefully sing of God's power and God's love!**

Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,

**clothed in all splendor and worthy of all praise.**

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,

**in God do we trust, never finding God to fail.**

God's mercies, how tender, how firm to the end.

**Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!**

\*Hymn #41

*O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!*

O worship the King, all glorious above! O gratefully sing God's power and God's love:

our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,  
whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form; and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, your power has founded of old;  
established it fast by a changeless decree, and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;  
your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

## CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty and merciful God,  
how often we have erred and strayed from your good ways  
like lost sheep on the wrong path.

**We have followed too much  
the devices and desires of our own hearts.**

**We have forgotten your holy ways.**

**We have left undone many things  
which we ought to have done;  
and we have done those things  
which we ought not to have done.**

O Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Spare those who confess their faults.  
Restore those who are penitent,  
according to your promises declared to the world  
in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

**And grant, O merciful God, for his sake,  
that we may live a holy, just, and humble life  
to the glory of your holy name.**

**Hear our prayers ...**

Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Response to Forgiveness #414

*Be Still and Know That I Am God  
Be still and know that I am God. [repeat]*

\*Affirmation of Faith — from the Presbyterian Book of Order

The great ends of the Church are:

**the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind;  
the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God;  
the maintenance of divine worship;  
the preservation of the truth;  
the promotion of social righteousness; and  
the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.**

\*Passing of the Peace

## LISTENING

Announcements and Invitations

Prayer of Intercession and Lord's Prayer

Hymn #377

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

I want to walk as a child of light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus. Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

### Prayers for Illumination

Scripture – Romans 13:8-14

Sermon in Music

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

arr. Craig Courtney

Rebecca Layfield, soprano  
Catherine Woody, alto

Scripture – Mark 10:13-16

Sermon in Words

### On the Gift and Limitations of Human Sexuality

### DEPARTING

\*Hymn #729

*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

\*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](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 Ann & Andy Weaver in celebration of their 59<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

## **Lectionary Readings**

October 17, 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Job 38:1-7 (34-41), 16-17; Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

October 24, 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34:1-8; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

## **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; Janet Kelly

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)

## **Youth Gathering today after worship**

The youth will gather this afternoon for lunch and pumpkin-carving fun after the worship service! We're asking youth to bring their own pumpkin and if you have a carving set, please bring it as well.

## **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.

## **Help with UKirk meals**

If you are willing to provide a meal for the UKirk students, either by yourself or by teaming up with others, please contact Emory Whitaker at lewhitaker@cox.net or 478-737-5273

## **October Book Drive for Macon Recovers**

Throughout the month of October we are collecting used books to help build the library at Macon Recovers. If you have any books you would like to donate, please put them in the "Neighborhood Nook" box located in the church foyer. All genres are welcome; however, we don't want to bring over anything too sad.

Thank you on behalf of Macon Recovers and the Neighborhood Committee.

## **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Loaves & Fishes Foodie Fundraiser**

Loaves & Fishes Ministry invites you to take part in the 5th Annual Foodie Fundraiser Thursday, November 4th (Presented by Alex's PC Solutions and Burgess Pigments). Dine at a participating restaurant on Thursday, November 4th, and that restaurant will donate 5% of your tab to the Loaves and Fishes Ministry of Macon. For a copy of participating restaurants, email the church office or check your October 31st bulletin.

## **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