

# Simply

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free.  
Till by turning, turning we come round right.



## STEWARDSHIP

November 21, 2021

10:30am

### GATHERING

#### Greeting

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

#### Prelude

*Thanksgiving Medley*  
Pat McCall, violin

#### Opening Prayer

#### Call to Worship

This is the day that you have made, Lord.

**Help us to rejoice in it and be glad!**

Remind us of the blessings we enjoy as your people:

**to come to you in these moments,  
to confess our sins,  
to receive forgiveness and give it,  
to pray and sing and listen,  
to renew our fainting spirits,  
to rest in all your promises.**

Open our eyes to see you, Lord.

**Open our ears to hear your Word.**

Visit us through your Holy Spirit,

**and help us to celebrate our faith. Amen.**

#### \*Hymn #175

*Seek Ye First*

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find;  
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

You shall not live by bread alone, but by every word  
that proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia!

## CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

O gracious and gentle  
and condescending God,  
God of peace, Father of mercy,  
God of all comfort:

**We confess before you the evil of our hearts;  
we acknowledge that we are too inclined  
toward anger, jealousy, and revenge,  
to ambition and pride,  
which often give rise  
to discord and bitter feelings between others and us.  
Too often have we thus both offended and grieved you,  
O long-suffering Father.**

Forgive us this sin  
and permit us to partake of the blessing  
you have promised the peacemakers,  
who shall be called the children of God.

**Hear our prayers ...**

Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Response to Forgiveness #175                      *See Ye First, verse 1*  
Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

\*Affirmation of Faith — 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

Hymn

*Simple Gifts*

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free, 'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,  
and when we find ourselves in the place just right, 'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.  
When true simplicity is gained, to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed,  
To turn, turn will be our delight Till by turning, turning we come round right.

Stewardship Invitation

Sermon in Music

*Rejoice, the Lord is King*  
NPC Bell Choir

arr. Lloyd Larson

Scripture – Luke 10:1-11

Sermon in Words

**Simply Stewardship:  
Traveling Lightly**

\*Hymn #188

*Jesus Loves Me*

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago,  
taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me."  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

**DEPARTING**

\*Benediction

\*Sung 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 Doug and Carol Holt in gratitude for their many blessings, especially Northminster Presbyterian Church.

## Lectionary Readings

November 21, Reign of Christ – 2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132:1-12; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

November 28, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent – Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

## 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)

## Stewardship

We extend our gratitude as a body of Christ for the time, talents and treasures shared during 2021. We ask that you prayerfully seek God's will for your continued support and sharing of these gifts within the upcoming year. You may fill out your time, talent, and treasure form(s) by mail, here at the church, or online. If you would like to submit your form online, you may go to [www.northminstermacon.org/give](http://www.northminstermacon.org/give) or scan the QR code to the right.



## Gloves for the Homeless

Fall is here and that means it is time for our annual tradition of providing **GLOVES FOR THE HOMELESS** members of our community. Each year Northminster provides 500 pairs of gloves, half of which are given to the attendees of the Christmas Party for the Homeless and the other half to Loaves and Fishes. The Outreach Committee has already purchased the gloves in bulk from a wholesaler and would appreciate your help in paying for them. Every \$10 donation pays for 6 pairs of gloves. You may donate with a check to Northminster with "gloves #2237" in the memo line or give online at [northminstermacon.org/give](http://northminstermacon.org/give). This is a wonderful way to provide some Christmas warmth for our homeless brothers and sisters, and we thank you for your part in it.

## Alternative Christmas Fair – December 5<sup>th</sup>

The annual Alternative Christmas Fair is a unique way to give a gift that "gives" twice. By giving a donation in any amount to any or all of the supported ministries – Thornwell, Loaves & Fishes, Habitat for Humanity - you will be given a card to gift to a friend or family member, letting them know you have given a donation in their honor. Join us immediately following the Lessons & Carols service on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> for this wonderful event. You may also give by mail or online.

### 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 - Thursday 8:30-1:00

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