



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

...making disciples, growing in faith together and serving others in Christ

January 16, 2022

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

10:30am

GATHERING

Greeting

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

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship — based on Psalm 36

Your steadfast love, O Lord, is as great as the heavens.

Your faithfulness reaches beyond the clouds.

Your justice is as solid as the mountains.

Your decisions are as full of wisdom as the oceans are with water.

You are concerned for creatures great and small.

How precious is your constant love, O God!

All humanity takes refuge in the shadow of your wings.

You feed them with blessings from your own table

and let them drink from your rivers of delight.

For you are the Fountain of life;

our light is from your light.

Pour out your unfailing love on those who know you!

Never stop giving your blessings to those who long to do your will.

Hymn #610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!

The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.

Christ speaks, and listening to his voice new life the dead receive;
the mournful waken to rejoice; the poor in heart believe.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

**Generous God,
because of your love
our cups runneth over.
You have made this world good
and have filled our lives with blessings.**

**Forgive us, then,
for living a meager existence,
for leading with control,
for choosing to be negative,
for being stingy with your extravagant grace.**

**Lord of life,
take all doubt and darkness away.
Turn the water of our lifeless living
into the wine of your gladness
we pray.**

Hear our prayers ...

Affirmation of Faith — Brief Statement of Faith

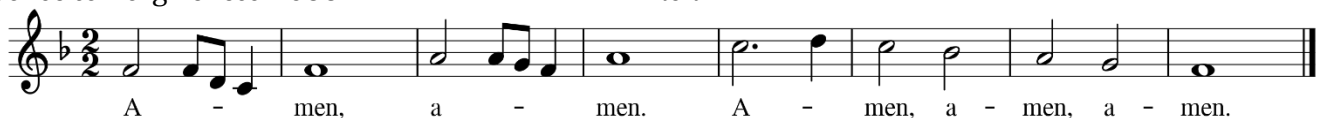
In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness #600

Amen



Scripture – 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

*Offering Signs of Peace

*Hymn #291

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

[*refrain*] Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters; you called to the deep;
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing,
“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.” [*refrain*]

You swept through the desert; you stung with the sand;
and you goaded your people with a law and a land.
When they were confounded with idols and lies,
then you spoke through the prophets to open their eyes. [*refrain*]

You sang in a stable; you cried from a hill;
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still.
And down in the city, you called once again
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. [*refrain*]

You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes;
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams.
Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise. [*refrain*]

LISTENING

Announcements and Invitations

Prayers of the People, Lord’s Prayer

Sermon in Music

Scripture – John 2:1-11

Sermon in Words – **The completely unnecessary miracle of extra wine at a wedding**

DEPARTING

*Hymn #451

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear.
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere.
Open my heart, and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine!

*Benediction

Postlude



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.

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; Jewell James; Lynn Southerland

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)

Poems for Presbyterian Pilgrims

Ready for some in-person study and fellowship? Join Pastor Ralph this Sunday at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall for Poems for Presbyterian Pilgrims. Over the next weeks, we'll be looking at a half dozen beautiful poems that speak to matters of Christian faith and life.

Ready for some study and fellowship but not ready for in-person? No problem: Join Pastor Ralph each Wednesday evening at 7pm via ZOOM. The link will be emailed Wednesday morning. Same study, same poems, same blessing.

Church-Wide Bingo Night!

Everyone is invited to join us for what is sure to be a great time of fun and fellowship! We'll be having lunch and games of Bingo following worship on Sunday, January 23. This event will be an opportunity to raise money for the youth to attend their annual trip to Montreat. The church will be providing fried chicken, drinks, and paper products. Please bring a side to share (and cash for the games). If you're not yet comfortable with sharing a meal, please join in the fun anyway! You're welcome to bring your own lunch.

Music at Northminster

Music director, Sandy Smith, invites everyone to participate. Our choir currently meets Sunday mornings prior to the worship service at 10:00 to review hymns and any interludes for the day. There is no commitment! You're welcome to come up any Sunday morning to participate. Our bell choir meets Wednesday afternoons at 5:00pm. All are welcome to participate! Music for the bell choir is chosen based on number of players, so this does require some commitment on the part of our musicians.

Sanctuary Flowers

We invite you to check the flower board in the church narthex, by the activity room, and sign up to donate a Sunday arrangement in honor or memory of someone special or in celebration of a special event. Arrangements can be taken home by the donor or given to someone in need. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

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; Barbara Fatkin; Roland Hill; Jan Hirsh; Melissa McDougald; Jinny McDuffie; Ray Mosely; Michael Napier; Minor Vernon; Genny Whitaker

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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