



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

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

January 30, 2022

4th 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 hymn 612

We praise you, God, our Redeemer, Creator.

In grateful devotion our prayers and songs we bring.

We lay them before you; we gather to adore you.

We bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

With voices united our praises we offer.

Gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.

With you, Lord, beside us, your strong word will guide us.

To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

Hymn #611

We Praise You, O God

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.

We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers; through trial and tempest our guide you have been.

When perils o'take us, you will not forsake us, and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.

With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us. To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

**Holy but merciful God,
in your presence we confess
our sinfulness, our shortcomings,
and our hiding away from you.
You alone know how often we have strayed
from the path laid down for us by Jesus.**

**We wander from your ways.
We waste your good gifts.
We forget your healing love.**

**Have mercy on us, O Lord.
Remember your grace promised to us.
Forgive our many shortcomings,
and help us to live in your light
and walk in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior,
in whose name we pray ...**

Affirmation of Faith — Brief Statement of Faith

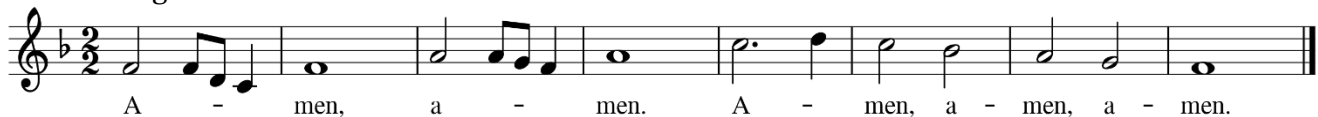
In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness #600

Amen



*Offering Signs of Peace

LISTENING

Announcements and Invitations

Gathering our Offerings

Sermon in Music

Prayers of the People, Lord's Prayer

*Hymn #39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not. As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Scripture – Galatians 2:15-21

Sermon in Words – **GOOD NEWS from GALATIANS: How do you justify your existence?**

DEPARTING

*Hymn #313

Lord, Make Us More Holy

Lord, make us more holy; Lord, make us more holy; Lord, make us more holy,
until we meet again: holy, holy, holy, until we meet again.

Lord, make us more loving; Lord, make us more loving; Lord, make us more loving,
until we meet again: loving, loving, loving, until we meet again.

Lord, make us more patient; Lord, make us more patient; Lord, make us more patient,
until we meet again: patient, patient, patient, until we meet again.

Lord, make us more faithful; Lord, make us more faithful; Lord, make us more faithful,
until we meet again: faithful, faithful, faithful, until we meet again.

*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; Ann Hall; Jane Ebey; Jon Geerlings; Kathy Wheeler; Betty Barlow; Donna Shuford; Frank Clark; Janet Kelly; 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)

Sanctuary Flowers

Flowers this Sunday have been given to the glory of God and his abundant, never-ending grace, by Sarah Morrow.

Passing the Red Books

Please be sure to sign and pass along the red book found at the end of your pew. If you have had any changes to your contact information, please note them here. If you are visiting with us, we welcome you to share your contact information and let us know if you'd like to be added to our email list.

Youth

Thank you to everyone who gave and participated in the youth Bingo lunch. The youth were able to raise \$910 from the event to be used to help cover the costs of Montreat. Stay tuned for information in your February newsletter and upcoming bulletins for details on the annual Chili Cookoff & Bake Sale!

Congregational Meeting

We will have a congregational meeting today, January 30, immediately following the worship service to review and approve pastor Ralph Hawkins' terms of call for 2022.

Volunteers Needed to Usher and Greet

We are currently seeking smiling faces and joyful hearts to greet members and guests as well as pass the offering plates on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in helping to greet and usher, please contact Jan Hirsh at 478-952-6480 or jhirsh1020@gmail.com.

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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