



# NORTHMINSTER

## *Presbyterian Church*

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

January 9, 2022

Baptism of the Lord

10:30am

### GATHERING

Greeting

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

Prelude

*On Jordan's Bank*

arr. Malcolm Archer

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship — based on Psalm 29

Praise the Lord, you angels of God.

Praise God's glory and God's strength.

**Praise God for such majestic glory, the glory of God's lasting name.**

The voice of the Lord echoes across creation.

The God of glory thunders through the galaxy.

**So powerful is God's voice. So full of majesty is God's living word.**

The voice of the Lord thunders through the lightning.

It resounds through the deserts and shakes the wilderness.

**The voice of the Lord spins and topples the mighty ones and those who do evil.**

But in God's Temple all are praising,

**"Glory, glory to the Lord."**

## Hymn #10

*Sing Glory to the Name of God*

Sing glo - ry to the name of God, whose ho - ly splen - dor  
The name of God is full of might: re - sound - ing thun - der,  
The name of God is wild and free, a - whirl in ho - ly  
May God for - ev - er be our peace; may hymns of glo - ry

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shines a - broad. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! En - throned a - bove the crash - ing  
flash - ing light. The wil - der - ness can - not con -  
mys - ter - y. A se - cret wrapped in smoke and  
13 nev - er cease: Let all the faith - ful peo - ple

waves, the God of grace and glo - ry saves. Al - le - lu - ia,  
tain the ech - oes of the great re - frain:  
fire, still chant - ed by the tem - ple choir:  
20 come; sing praise to God, the Three - in - One:

al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**CONFESSING**

## Call to Confession

## Prayers of Confession

**Merciful God,**  
**in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life,**  
**making us part of the living body of Christ.**  
**We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves,**  
**separated from sisters and brothers in Christ.**  
**We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges,**  
**and show reluctance to welcome others;**  
**we allow the past to hold us hostage.**

**In your loving-kindness**  
**have mercy on us and free us from sin.**  
**Remind us of the promises you make in baptism**  
**so that we may rise to new life**  
**and live together in grace.**

**Hear our prayers ...**

## Assurance of Forgiveness

## Hymn #482

*Baptized in Water*

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;  
 heirs of salvation, trusting the promise, faithfully now God's praises we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ our King;  
 one with his rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praises we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our King;  
 born of the Spirit, we are God's children; joyfully now God's praises we sing.

Affirmation of Faith

Question 71. What is baptism?

**Baptism is the sign and seal through which we are joined to Christ.**

Question 72. What does it mean to be baptized?

**My baptism means that I am joined to Jesus Christ forever. I am baptized into his death and resurrection, along with all who have received him by faith. As I am baptized with water, he baptizes me with his Spirit, washing away all my sins and freeing me from their control. My baptism is a sign that one day I will rise with him in glory, and may walk with him even now in newness of life.**

\*Passing of the Peace

**LISTENING**

Ordination and Installation of Ruling Elders

Do we, the members of the church, accept Barbara, Genny, Jinny, Michael, and Ray as our ruling elders for this next season in our common life, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

\*Hymn #688

*Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

verses 1-3

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth; through all its pulses move;  
stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art, and make me love thee as I ought to love.

I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies, no sudden rending of the veil of clay,  
no angel visitant, no opening skies; but take the dimness of my soul away.

Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King; all, all thine own, soul, heart, and strength and mind?  
I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling. O let me seek thee, and O let me find!

Scripture – Luke 3:15-22

Sermon in Music

Sermon in Words

**We All Work for Jesus**

**DEPARTING**

\*Hymn #688

*Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

verses 4-5

Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh. Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,  
to check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh. Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Teach me to love thee as thine angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame;  
the baptism of the heaven-descended Dove, my heart an altar, and thy love the flame.

\*Benediction

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).

### 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)

### 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.

### Class of 2022 Elders

We thank our class of 2021 elders: Emily Brown, Lynn Denny, Charlotte Nolan, Sandra Ridgeway, and the late Beau Kitchens for their dedicated service to our congregation. This year, elders rotating onto the session include: Barbara Fatkin, Jinny McDuffie, Ray Mosely, Michael Napier, and Genny Whitaker. They will join our remaining currently-serving elders: Kari Alderman, Roland Hill, Jan Hirsh, Melissa McDougald, and Minor Vernon.

### 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