



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

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

February 20, 2022

7th Sunday after Epiphany

10:30am

GATHERING

Greeting

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

Prelude

Air
Pat McCall, violin

Duncan/Bach

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship — based on Psalm 29

Give all credit to the Eternal, O heavenly creatures;
give praise to God for God's glory and power.
**Give to the Eternal the glory due God's name;
worship God with lavish displays of sacred splendor.**
The voice of the Eternal echoes over the great waters;
God's magnificence roars like thunder.
The Eternal's presence hovers over all the waters.
**God's voice explodes in great power over the earth.
God's voice is both regal and grand.**
The Eternal is enthroned over all the earth;
God's wisdom and reign are unending.
**We ask You, Eternal One, to give strength to Your people;
Eternal One, bless us with the gift of peace.**

Hymn #10

Sing Glory to the Name of God

Sing glory to the name of God, whose holy splendor shines abroad. Alleluia, alleluia!
Enthroned above the crashing waves, the God of grace and glory saves.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The name of God is full of might: resounding thunder, flashing light. Alleluia, alleluia!
The wilderness cannot contain the echoes of the great refrain:
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The name of God is wild and free, aw whirl in holy mystery. Alleluia, alleluia!
A secret wrapped in smoke and fire, still chanted by the temple choir:
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

May God forever be our peace; may hymns of glory never cease: Alleluia, alleluia!
Let all the faithful people come; sing praise to God, the Three-in-One:
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

**Eternal One,
your voice called forth the world.
Your voice speaks truth and love.
Your word is sure and never fails.**

**Forgive us, for the times
we have used our voices
in less than holy ways.
Forgive us for the times
our words have torn down
instead of building others up.**

**Your word promises
forgiveness and restoration.
You have claimed us in grace.
Hear our prayers of confession ...**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness #600

Amen



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 the Peace

Announcements and Invitations

Gathering our Offerings

Offertory Music

Processional

NPC Bell Choir

LISTENING

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for Illumination

*Hymn #645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation. With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled: to God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power has made God's gracious mercy keepeth; by morning glow or evening shade God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth. Within the kingdom of God's might, lo! all is just and all is right: to God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away, but, through all grief distressing, an ever-present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing, as with a mother's tender hand God gently leads the chosen band: to God all praise and glory!

Thus all my toilsome way along I sing aloud thy praises, that all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises. Be joyful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and body, take your part: to God all praise and glory!

Scripture – Galatians 6:1-10

Sermon in Words

GOOD NEWS from GALATIANS:

“Any man who judges by the group is pea-wit.”

*Hymn #306

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes; our mutual burdens bear.
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

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

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; Hazel Crow
Military Personnel Prayer List: Austin Riley; Joshua Sulkers; Isaac Falkenstine (Bonnie Diboll's grandson)

Loads of Love – THANK YOU!

The Northminster Neighborhood Committee is overwhelmed with gratitude. The need for \$2000 to cover a new washer and dryer for Rosa Taylor elementary school has already been surpassed! Thank you so much for filling this need. All funds beyond what was needed to purchase the washer and dryer will remain in the Rosa Taylor supply closet fund, being used to help make sure the closet stays stocked with essentials for students in need.

Chili Cook-off & Bake Sale

Mark your calendars for 11:45am, **February 27th**, for the annual Chili Cookoff and Bake Sale! This church-wide event will also help raise money for the youth to attend Montreat. Drop-off for bake sale donations will be open February 21st-24th from 9am-1pm, or you can bring your baked goods Sunday morning. See this week's bulletin insert for sign-up opportunities.

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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