



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

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

February 6, 2022

5th Sunday after Epiphany

10:30am

GATHERING

Greeting

worship assistant, Minor Vernon

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

Prelude

Abide with Me

arr. Kurt Kaiser

Pat McCall, violin

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship — based on Psalm 27

Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

We desire to live in God's house

and to seek God in his holy temple.

We have come with shouts of joy,

to sing and to make music to the Lord.

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

Teach us your ways, O God, and make straight our paths

in this hour of worship and always.

Hymn #625

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made,

I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.

[*refrain*] Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!

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When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,

when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:

[*refrain*]

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,

that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin: [*refrain*]

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" [*refrain*]

CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

**Holy and merciful God,
in your presence we confess
our sinfulness, our shortcomings,
and our temptation to hide from you.
You alone know how often we have strayed
from the path shown to us by Jesus.**

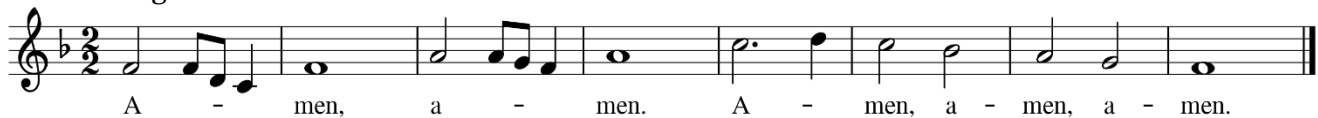
**We wander from your ways.
We waste your good gifts.
We forget your saving love.**

**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 ...**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness #600

Amen



Affirmation of Faith — the Apostle's 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.

*Offering Signs of Peace

LISTENING

Moment for Mission – Neighborhood Committee

Gathering our Offerings

Offertory Music

Fairest Lord Jesus

arr. Kurt Kaiser

Prayers of the People, Lord's Prayer

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!

Scripture – Luke 5:1-11

Sermon in Words

The cure for cynicism

Dr. Brian Wright

DEPARTING

*Hymn #738

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me thy patience, still with thee in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way;
in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.

*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 guest pastor, Rev. Dr. Brian Wright, M.D.

We are thankful to welcome Brian back to our pulpit this morning. He is a 3rd year psychiatry resident at Piedmont Macon and a psychiatrist at Crossroads Christian Counseling. He is also an ordained minister in the Baptist tradition and was a pastor before medical school.

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)

Sanctuary Flowers

Flowers this Sunday have been given to the glory of God by Martha Hopkins, in celebration of God's abundant blessings.

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.

Chili Cook-off & Bake Sale – Sunday, February 27 following worship

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. We'll have our very own best-of-the-best auctioneer: Minor Vernon leading our bake sale again. Drop-off for bake sale donations will be open February 21st-24th from 9am-1pm, or you can bring your baked goods Sunday morning.

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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