



Jerusalem – The mosaic of broody hen and chickens

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
2ND SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 12, 2022

GATHERING

Greeting

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

Prelude

Prelude on "Germany"

arr. Dennis Johnson

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship — based on Psalm 27

The Eternal is my light amidst my darkness
and my rescue in times of trouble. So whom shall I fear?

**God surrounds me with a fortress of protection.
So nothing should cause me alarm.**

I am pleading with the Eternal for this one thing,
my soul's desire:

**To live with God all of my days—
in the shadow of God's holy temple,**
To behold God's beauty and ponder God's ways
in the company of his people.

**God's house is my shelter and secret retreat.
It is there I find peace in the midst of storm and turmoil.**

Safety sits with me in the hiding place of God.
God will set me on a rock, high above the fray.

With grateful hearts, let us continue this Lenten journey together.

Hymn #35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for aye we adore him.

CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

God of compassion, you are slow to anger and full of mercy,
welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts.

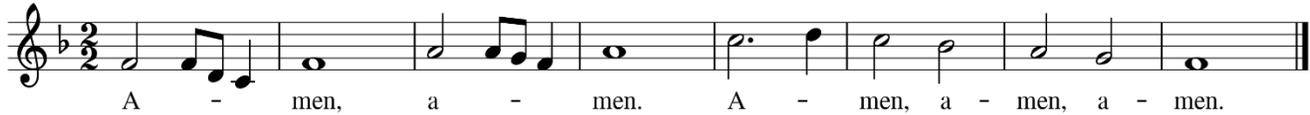
**Receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you.
Seat them at your bountiful table of grace,
that, with all your children,
they may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.**

Hear our prayers in his name ...

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness #600

Amen



Affirmation of Faith — based on Matthew 22:37-40

What is the great and first commandment?

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your mind.**

What is the second commandment like it?

Love your neighbor as yourself.

What does this mean?

Love is the fulfilling of the law.

To what does this call us?

To a life of faith working through love.

*Passing the Peace

Announcements and Invitations

Gathering our Offerings

Offertory Music

What Wondrous Love Is This

NPC Bell Choir

arr. Lloyd Larson

LISTENING

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for Illumination

*Hymn #343

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

Where cross the crowded ways of life, where sound the cries of race and clan,
above the noise of selfish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.

In haunts of wretchedness and need, on shadowed thresholds fraught with fears,
from paths where hide the lures of greed, we catch the vision of your tears.

From tender childhood's helplessness, from human grief and burdened toil,
from famished souls, from sorrow's stress, your heart has never known recoil.

The cup of water given for you still holds the freshness of your grace;
yet long these multitudes to view the sweet compassion of your face.

Scripture – Luke 13:31-35

Sermon in Words

The Mother Hen

Dr. Brian Wright

*Hymn #441

Hear the Good News of Salvation

Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.
Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

All the sins I have committed, to my Savior now I bring.
I bow down with tears of anguish; Christ forgives and so I sing:
Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

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 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; Gene & 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); Walker Wright (Fran Mayhew's grandson)

Flint River travel to Ireland

There has been good interest in traveling to Ireland with friends from FRP! The Ireland Trip is scheduled for September 17-27, 2022, and all are invited to come along. Please contact the church office if you would like to review the itinerary and if you'd like more information, contact Jane Shelton at jane@sgatravel.com.

Lenten Devotionals

If you have not yet received your Lenten devotional, you may pick one up today in the Narthex.

Welcoming Baby Amelia Grace Olk

We are blessed to announce the arrival of Amelia Grace Olk, daughter of Steve and Helene Olk, born 3 months premature on March 3rd, weighing just 2 pounds, 2 ounces. She is doing well in the Navicent NICU. Please keep the Olk family in your prayers as they watch this precious gift grow and hope to bring her home in June.

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
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