



# NORTHMINSTER

## *Presbyterian Church*

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

March 20, 2022

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

10:30am

### GATHERING

Greeting

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship — based on Psalm 63

O True God, You are my God, the One whom I trust.

I seek You with every fiber of my being.

**In this dry and weary land with no water in sight,  
my soul is dry and longs for You.**

**My life aches for You, for Your presence.**

I have seen You in Your sanctuary

and have been awed by Your power and glory.

**Your steadfast love is better than life itself,  
so my lips will give You all my praise.**

I will bless You with every breath of my life;

**I will lift up my hands in praise to Your name.**

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

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.

[*refrain*] 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. [*refrain*]

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! [*refrain*]

## CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

God of such great mercy,  
you sent Jesus to seek and save the lost.

**We confess that we have strayed from you  
and often turned aside from your way.  
We are misled by pride,  
for we see ourselves pure when we are stained  
and great when we are mostly small.**

**We have often failed in love,  
neglected your justice,  
and ignored your truth.**

**Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.  
Return us to paths of righteousness  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

**Hear our prayers in his name ...**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness #551

*Lord, have Mercy*

Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.  
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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

## LISTENING

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for Illumination

Scripture – Isaiah 55:1-9

\*Hymn #435

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.  
There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.  
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgement given.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind.  
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.  
If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's Word,  
and our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.

Scripture – Luke 13:1-9

Sermon in Words

**LENT: More Manure Means More Mercy**

\*Hymn #804

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*

Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!  
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.  
[refrain] Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

With voice as full and strong as ocean's surging praise,  
send forth the sturdy hymns of old, the psalms of ancient days. [refrain]

Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go,  
send forth the sturdy hymns of old, the psalms of ancient days. [refrain]

At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest;  
the pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest. [refrain]

Then on, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!  
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King! [refrain]

## DEPARTING

\*Benediction

\*Sung Response

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.

Northumbria Community

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](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; Ann Hall; Jane Ebey; Jon Geerlings; Kathy Wheeler; Betty Barlow; Donna Shuford; Frank Clark; Janet Kelly; Lynn Southerland; Steve, Helene, and baby Amelia Olk; Ricky Smith; Ann Weaver

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)

### 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](mailto:jane@sgatravel.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

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