



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

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

May 1, 2022

3rd Sunday of Easter

10:30am

GATHERING

Greeting

Prelude

Florence Snyder, guest organist

Call to Worship — based on Psalm 30

We praise You, Eternal One.

You lifted us out of that deep, dark pit

Eternal One, our True God, we cried out to You for help;

You mended the shattered pieces of our lives.

You lifted us from the grave with a mighty hand,

gave us another chance,

and saved us from joining those in that dreadful pit.

Sing, all you who love the Lord our God!

Pour out your hearts to the Eternal with praise and melodies;

let grateful music fill the air and bless God's name.

God's wrath, you see, is fleeting,

but God's grace lasts more than a lifetime.

The deepest pains may linger through the night,

but joy greets the soul with the smile of morning.

You stripped off my dark clothing

and covered me with joyful light.

Eternal One, our God, our Life-Giver, we will thank You forever.

Hymn #232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!

CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

O Lord, you desire truth in our inward being;

teach us wisdom in our secret hearts.

Send out your light, send out your truth,

and let them lead us back to our true home.

Take from us the weight of our sin,

that room might be made for the spirit of truth.

If we prepare a dwelling place, your spirit will abide within us,

and your eternal truth will set our spirits free.

Then shall we love not only in word or in speech, but also in deed and in truth,

and by this know that our service of you is faithful.

O Lord, you desire truth in our inward being;

teach us wisdom in our secret heart.

Hear our prayers in Jesus' name ...

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness #243

Be Not Afraid

Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia! Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!

Affirmation of Faith — Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

*Passing the Peace

Announcements and Invitations

Gathering our Offerings

Offertory Music

LISTENING

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for Illumination

Scripture – John 21:1-12

Hymn #246

Christ Is Alive!

Scripture – 1 Corinthians 15:20-26

Sermon in Words – **“The last enemy to be destroyed is death”**

Hymn #248

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna

verses 1-2

SHARING

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right for us to give thanks and praise...**

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom Come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sharing of Bread and Cup

All who desire the communion meal are invited to come forward to the table, receive a portion of bread from the pastor, take a cup from one of the elders, and return to the pew. We will share in the cup together once everyone has been served.

Music during Communion

Closing Unison Prayer

God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life.

**May this food strengthen us in love
and help us to serve you in each other.**

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Lord. Amen.

*Hymn #248

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna

verse 3

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; Frank Clark; Gene & Janet Kelly; Lynn Southerland; Steve, Helene, and baby Amelia Olk; Ricky Smith; Ann Weaver; Tom Jones (kidney issues); Frank Ellis

Current Friends and Family Concerns: Margaret Yawn; Donna Carole Kitchens; Joel Jones

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

Sanctuary Flowers

Flowers this Sunday have been given to the grace of God by Sam and Jinny McDuffie in loving memory of their parents.

Celebration of New Life – Today

The Youth and the Congregational Care Committee invite you to attend a CELEBRATION OF NEW LIFE in honor of the new parents, the Olks, and the soon-to-be new parents, the Napiers, on Sunday, May 1 in the Fellowship Hall immediately after worship. This will be a time for you to offer your good wishes to the honorees and to share food and fellowship with our entire Northminster family. If you wish to bring a gift, you might be interested to know that both couples are registered at babylist.com and the Napiers are also registered at Amazon. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for this joyous event.

Church administration updates

With the temporary closing of our church office, Jennifer's in-office schedule will include Sundays, Mondays and Thursdays. Tuesday and Wednesday work will be completed from home. Please feel free to reach out to Ralph or Jennifer via email or cell phones with any questions or information. We thank you so much for your patience during this temporary transition. Ralph: 478-250-3355; Jennifer: 478-318-7911

Congregational Meeting – May 15

We will have an important Congregational Meeting immediately following worship. Items of business include a. the election of our next Nominating Committee to search for Ruling Elders, and b. a matter regarding an offer to purchase lots we own that are adjacent to our main property. We will also take some time in this meeting to update everyone on plans for repairing our building from recent tornado damage.

Honoring our seniors – May 15

During worship, we will be honoring our two beloved high school seniors who will be graduating this year: Ann Putzke and Ben Shuford.

May Sunday Morning Study

Missing Sunday School lately? Join Pastor Ralph each Sunday in May at 9:30am in the church library for a deep dive into the Biblical references that shape our Presbyterians Brief Statement of Faith, which we often recite during worship. It begins, "In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one true God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

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

In-Office hours this week: Sunday, Monday, Thursday 9:00-1:00
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