



# NORTHMINSTER

## *Presbyterian Church*

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

May 22, 2022

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

10:30am

### GATHERING

Greeting

Prelude

*Prelude from Te Deum*  
Pat McCall, violin

arr. Lynne Latham

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship — based on Psalm 67

May God pour grace and blessings into us  
and turn God's face to shine divine light on us.

**So all those on earth will learn to follow Your way  
and see Your saving power come to redeem all nations.**

May all people live to praise You, Our True God;  
may all come to praise You.

**May all nations celebrate together, singing joy-filled songs of praise to You  
because You judge the people fairly  
and give guidance to all the nations of the earth.**

May the people praise You with their whole hearts, O God;  
may every man, woman, and child on the earth praise You.

**God is the source of all our blessings;  
may every corner of the earth respect and revere the Lord.**

Hymn #275

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.  
Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe.  
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,  
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he.  
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.  
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him.  
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure. One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth.  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also.  
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still. His kingdom is forever.

## CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

**Generous God,  
You have poured into our lives  
grace and blessing and light  
in such abundance.  
Forgive us, we pray,  
for the times when live our lives  
as if everything depends on our efforts  
or we are stingy with the good gifts you give  
or we fail to love and forgive as Jesus teaches.  
On your mercy we depend.  
On your word we build our lives.  
On your promises we move ahead.  
Hear our prayers ...**

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 — 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

*O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

arr. Kurt Kaiser

Doxology #606

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## LISTENING

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for Illumination

Scripture – John 5:1-9

Hymn #286

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,  
until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,  
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,  
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

Scripture – 1 Corinthians 15:35-49

Sermon – **Solar Powered Saints**

Hymn #375

*Shall We Gather at the River*

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?  
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,  
we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day.  
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down;  
grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown.  
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

Soon we'll reach the shining river; soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.  
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

## 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; 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 Sandy Smith in appreciation for the Northminster Congregation's support and generosity and the beloved musicians of the church.

### Youth sponsored car wash – June 4<sup>th</sup>

Our youth will host a car wash to raise the remaining needs for their trip to Montreat this summer. Come to the church between 2pm-5pm Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> to get your vehicle clean and support our youth!

### Refugee Backpack Mission Opportunity

Many of us have felt helpless watching the Ukrainian crisis and wondered what we could do to help. Our Presbytery has connected with a longtime Refugee Ministry based in Atlanta called New American Pathways. Flint River Presbytery has taken on an opportunity to help recent refugee families with school-age children. We are looking for a small group who might be interested in mobilizing for a short period to work with our sister churches in providing school supplies and backpacks for this upcoming school year. We are excited to have a tangible, hands-on opportunity to support international refugees in our area. Interested? Please stay for a very short informational meeting Sunday, May 22nd after church in the activity room.

### Nominating Committee

Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, the congregation elected this year's nominating committee, charged with nominating elders for the 2023-2025 term. Your nominating committee includes: Jinny McDuffie, Roland Hill, Ron Wolfe, Scott Emener, Martha Hopkins, Virginia Cowser, and Ella Cole Alderman. If you feel called to be an elder, please contact any member of this committee.

### PCUSA Special Offerings – Pentecost

A foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life. By receiving the Pentecost Offering, you are nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come — children, youth, and young adults. This offering will be collected Sunday, June 5.

### Church administration updates

Our general contractors are currently working towards securing bids and estimates for the roofing repairs and new flooring to discuss with insurance. They are still working with insurance on the building of the steeple. Our temporary church office is now located on the bottom floor to the left of the community room (on the right side of the building). Jennifer will be in the office Sunday, Monday, and Thursday and is available remotely Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:30am to 1:00pm. Appointments can be made outside of office hours by calling Jennifer at 478-318-7911.

### NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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