



# NORTHMINSTER

## *Presbyterian Church*

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

July 17, 2022

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

10:30am

### GATHERING

Welcome

Prelude

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

arr. Donald Busarow

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship – based on hymn #612

We bless you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
**in grateful devotion our worship we bring.**  
We open our heart to you; we pray and adore you;  
**we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.**

With voices united our praises we offer  
**and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.**  
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.  
**To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!**

Hymn #612

*We Praise You, O God*

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers; through trial and tempest our guide you have been.  
When perils o'er-take us, you will not forsake us, and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.  
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us. To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

### CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

Holy God,  
Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer —  
you called the Universe into being  
you met us the Incarnation of Jesus  
you birthed the Church with a living word.

**Forgive us  
your sometimes-silent children,  
When our worship is half-hearted  
When our complaints overshadow our blessings  
When our hearts are turned inward on themselves.**

**But in grateful devotion  
our confessions we bring.  
Set us free from a past now behind us  
Set our minds again on the way of Jesus  
Set out lips to grateful worship.**

**Hear now our own prayers ...**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness #647      *Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart*

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;  
Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. (repeat)

And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; Let the poor say,  
"We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!" (repeat)

Give thanks. Give thanks.

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

Moment for Mission – George and Jeanne Haugen, global mission partners

Gathering our Offerings

Offertory Music

*In the Sweet By and By*  
Rosie Miles, soprano

arr. Patti Drennan

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 – Isaiah 35, selections

Hymn #716 (remain seated)                      *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,  
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:  
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;  
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:  
All at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.  
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone.  
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred:  
Ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.  
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,  
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

Scripture – Song of Songs 2:1-2

Sermon – **STAINED GLASS SUMMER: The Rose of Sharon**

Hymn #761    *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,  
we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,  
equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.  
men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,  
blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,  
help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.  
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,  
bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life  
that surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.  
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,  
messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

## 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; Frank Clark; Lynn Southerland; Steve, Helene, and baby Amelia Olk; Ricky Smith; Ann Weaver; Tom Jones (kidney issues); Frank Ellis; Charlotte Nolan

Current Friends and Family Concerns: Margaret Yawn; Donna Carole Kitchens; Joel Jones; Cindy Nikiforakis; Martha Tisdale; Cindi Shuford Akins; Nelda Crow

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

### Christmas in July – A Backpack Ministry Outreach

Our neighborhood committee's backpack ministry continues to serve the children and families of Rosa Taylor elementary school. Next month, we will collect monetary donations from the congregation in order to purchase supplies at discounted bulk rates and gift them to Rosa Taylor in December 2022. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry!

### Memorial Service for Betty Barlow

Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00pm in our sanctuary, we will celebrate the life of member Betty Barlow who passed away June 22.

### Note of Thanks from the Kelly Family

Dear Congregation of Northminster Presbyterian,

Our family would like to express our gratitude for the outpouring of love to our family with the death of our beloved parents, Gene M. Kelly, Sr and Janet Kelly. Your cards, prayers, acts of kindness, and hosting of his funeral and reception following were a sweet balm to our weary souls. Dad's unexpected passing was a jolt to us all, but your congregation continued your steadfast care for our family. May God bless you all as you live out the love of God through your remarkable church. We will be forever grateful to you.

Grace and peace,

The Gene M. Kelly, Sr. Family: Gene, (Jr), Tricia, Marion and all

### 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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