



# NORTHMINSTER

## *Presbyterian Church*

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

July 31, 2022

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

10:30am

### GATHERING

Greeting

Prelude to Worship

Florence Snyder, guest organist

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship – based on Proverbs 14:24

“The crown of the wise is their wisdom,  
but folly is the garland of fools.”

**We set aside the foolishness of the world  
and once again gather in this place of prayer.**

Let us look to Jesus –  
**our teacher, savior, and friend**  
who did not grasp too tightly to the crown of his glory  
**but freely let it go for our sake**  
in order that he might crown all God’s people  
**with faith, hope, and love.**

In his name, then, we gather to sing and pray.  
**Crown us, O Lord, with your wisdom!**

Hymn #268

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:  
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bend his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise.

His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet  
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time;  
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;  
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

## CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession – Based on Psalm 42

**As a deer longs for flowing streams,  
so our souls long for you, O God.**

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.  
When shall I come and behold the face of God?

**Our tears have been our food day and night,  
while people say to us continually, “Where is your God?”**

Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you disquieted within me?

**Hope in God; for we shall again praise him, our help and our God.  
Hear now our prayers of confession...**

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

Gathering our Offerings

Offertory Music

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 – Revelation 4

Hymn #260 (remain seated)

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone!  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:  
“Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood.”

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! he is near us; faith believes nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o’er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise: “I am with you evermore”?

Alleluia! Bread of angels, here on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! here the sinful flee to you from day to day.  
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth’s redeemer, hear our plea  
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;  
Alleluia! born of Mary, earth your footstool, heaven your throne.  
As within the veil you entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest;  
here on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.

Scripture – Philippians 2:1-11

Sermon – **STAINED GLASS SUMMER: The loosely-held crown of Christ**

Hymn #821

*My Life Flows On*

My life flows on in endless song, above earth’s lamentation.  
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.  
[refrain] No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I’m clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? [refrain]

What though my joys and comforts die? I know my Savior liveth.  
What thought the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth. [refrain]

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? [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; 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; Cindi Shuford Akins; Nelda Crow

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

### Sanctuary Flowers

Flowers this week are given to the glory of God by Melissa McDougald in loving memory of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Worth McDougald, on what would have been their 74<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

### Christmas in July – A Backpack Ministry Outreach

This is the final week to give towards our Christmas in July mission. Our neighborhood committee's backpack ministry continues to serve the children and families of Rosa Taylor elementary school. We are collecting 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!

### Youth Lake Day

Our youth (and anyone else who would like to attend) will be gathering at the Fatkin's home for fun in the sun at the lake on Saturday, August 6. Please contact Melissa McDougald ([jurgal@gmail.com](mailto:jurgal@gmail.com)) or Donna Shuford ([dwshuford@yahoo.com](mailto:dwshuford@yahoo.com)) for details.

### Prayer Walk at Rosa Taylor

Today, following the service, the Neighborhood committee will be meeting at Rosa Taylor Elementary School for a prayer walk, as children begin their return to class August 1. Everyone is welcome to attend. We will start at the front door of the school and continue around the building, stopping to pray aloud. Prayer guides will be available.

### 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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