



# NORTHMINSTER

## *Presbyterian Church*

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

August 14, 2022

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

10:30am

### GATHERING

Greeting

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship – based on Psalm 18

I love God, Eternal One, source of my power.

**The Eternal is our rock, our fortress, and our salvation.**

God is my True God, the stronghold in which I hide.

**God is a strong shield, the horn that call forth help, and our walled tower.**

I call out to the Eternal,

**who is worthy to be praised.**

We will praise You among the nation, O Eternal,  
and sing praises to Your name.

**God is a tower of salvation for the people  
and shows such enduring love to God's anointed.**

Hymn #187

*Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care.

In your pleasant pastures feed us; for our use your fold prepare.

Blessed Jesus, blesses Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.

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We are yours: in love befriend us; be the guardian of our way.

Keep your flock: from sin defend us; seek us when we go astray.

Blessed Jesus, blesses Jesus, hear your children when we pray.

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You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;  
you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.

Blessed Jesus, blesses Jesus, early let us turn to you.

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Early let us seek your favor; early let us do your will.  
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill.  
Blessed Jesus, blesses Jesus, you have loved us; love us still.  
Blessed Jesus, blesses Jesus, you have loved us; love us still.

## CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession – based on Psalm 18

"Who is the True God except the Eternal?  
Who stands like a rock except our God?"

**Holy God,  
source of our salvation  
and our shelter in all storms,  
forgive us when we  
rely only on our hungers  
seek shelter in temporary things  
stand on ground that turns to sand.**

**Jesus invites us  
to build our eternal home  
on the rock of your salvation.  
Set us free from ourselves  
to do just that.**

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

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 – Matthew 7:24-29

Hymn #792 (remain seated)

*There Is a Balm in Gilead*

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sinsick soul.  
Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sinsick soul.  
Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend, and if you lack for knowledge, he'll not refuse to lend.

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sinsick soul.  
If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,  
you can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all."

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sinsick soul.

Scripture – Hebrews 6:13-20

Sermon – **STAINED GLASS SUMMER: The sure and steadfast anchor of our souls**

Hymn #721

*Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

Lord, you have come to the lakeshore looking neither  
for wealthy nor wise ones; you only asked me to follow humbly.

[*refrain*] O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, and while smiling have spoken my name;  
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me. By your side I will seek other seas.

You know so well my possessions; my boat carries  
no gold and no weapons; you will find there my nets and labor. [*refrain*]

You need my hands, full of caring, through my labors  
to give others rest and constant love that keep on loving. [*refrain*]

You, who have fished other oceans, ever longed for  
by souls who are waiting, my loving friend, as thus you call me: [*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

Special thank you to Ed Clark, saxophone, for sharing his musical talents with us this morning.

### 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; Tom Jones (kidney issues); Nancy Miles  
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); Walker Wright (Mayhew's grandson)

### Mark Your Calendar

More information about each of the following events is forthcoming. Please mark your calendar now and keep an eye on your bulletin, newsletter, and weekly email for details:

**September 4** – Stewardship Season begins

**September 7 at 10:00am** – Women's Bible Study: Seven Sisters of Jesus, begins. Meet in the community room downstairs. Continues every Wednesday for seven weeks.

**September 11 at 6:00pm** – Men's Dinner and Fellowship

**October 1** – TENTATIVE: Northminster Express train excursion on SAM Shortline in Cordele

**October 2** – Stewardship dedication Sunday and Rise Against Hunger mission event in Warner Robins

### 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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