



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

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

August 21, 2022

11th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30am

Prelude to Gathering

Calista Koch, harp

GATHERING

Greeting

Prelude to Worship

Choral Introit #484 – *Out of Deep, Unordered Water*

Call to Worship – based on Hymn 484

Out of deep, unordered water God created light and land.

**world of bird and beast and, later,
in God's image, woman, man.**

There is water in the river bringing life to tree and plant.

**Let creation praise its giver:
there is water in the font.**

Water on the human forehead, birthmark of the love of God,

**is the sign of death and rising;
through the seas there runs a road.**

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**Let creation praise its giver:
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Opening Prayer

Hymn #724

O Jesus, I Have Promised

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near:
I see the sights that dazzle; the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee
that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be.
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.

CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

**We confess to you,
our holy and loving God,
and before one another
as spiritual siblings in Christ,**

**that we have often sinned greatly,
in thought, word, and deed.**

We have offended your holiness.

We have failed to love our neighbor.

**We have followed the devices of our own hearts
and have spurned the promptings of your Spirit.**

**Through our own fault,
how often we deserve your judgment,
yet you love in mercy and act in grace.**

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
who takes away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us and hear our prayers ...

Remembering Our Baptisms

Hymn #482

Baptized in Water

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;
heirs of salvation, trusting the promise, faithfully now God's praises we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ our King;
one with his rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praises we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our King;
born of the Spirit, we are God's children; joyfully now God's praises we sing.

*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 6:25-34

Sermon – **STAINED GLASS SUMMER: Amelia Grace, consider the lilies**

Hymn #486, verses 1-2

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign,
with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.

Child of love, our love's expression, love's creation, loved indeed!
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits; into joy and laughter lead.

Sacrament of Baptism for Amelia Grace

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.

*Hymn #486, verses 3-4

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

Child of joy, our dearest treasure, God's you are, from God you came.
Back to God we humbly give you: live as one who bears Christ's name.

Child of God, your loving Parent, learn to listen for God's call.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship; trust and love God more than all.

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; Frank Clark; Lynn Southerland; Steve, Helene, and baby Amelia Olk; Ricky Smith; Tom Jones (kidney issues); Nancy Miles; Ann Weaver

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)

Sanctuary Flowers

Flowers this week have been given to the glory of God by Jan Hirsh in loving memory of her father, James Kimbell, who would be celebrating his 100th birthday.

Women's Bible Study – Sept. 7

Beginning Wednesday, September 7 at 10am, Ralph will lead Bible Study: Seven Sisters of Jesus. We'll do a deep dive on seven women in the gospels who interact with Jesus during his ministry. We will meet downstairs in the community room and can't wait to see you there.

Men's Dinner – Sept. 11

Sunday, September 11 at 6:00pm, the men of Northminster are invited to gather for dinner and fellowship. Please let us know if you plan to attend by emailing the church office at admin@northminstermacon.org.

Northminster Express – Oct. 1

All Aboard! We invite you and your friends and family to join the Northminster Express on an excursion with SAM Shortline rail tour in Cordele, GA on Saturday, October 1. A detailed itinerary will be provided in next week's bulletin.

Church Golf Outing

Attention all Northminster golfers – Sunday, September 25th at 1pm, you are invited to join us for an outing of golf, Scramble Style. We will meet at Oakview Golf Course off Hartley Bridge Rd. Please let Al Fatkin know if you would like to join and your handicap.

Thank you, Northminster

Dear Northminster family. Thank you for all the prayers, cards, calls, food and all other expressions of love and caring shown to Andy and me over the past several months. Please keep the prayers coming for a diagnosis soon. -Ann Weaver

Reception for Sandy Smith

Sunday, September 4 will be our beloved Sandy Smith's last Sunday with us. Please join us in the narthex after worship for a reception in her honor. This will be an opportunity for you to say goodbye, express your appreciation for all she has done for Northminster over the past ten years, and wish her well in her new role as "Grandma Gigi." If you wish to make a contribution toward an honorarium for Sandy, you may give it to Judy Hill or Genny Whitaker. You may also write a check payable to Northminster, indicate that it is for Sandy on the appropriate line, and place it in the offering plate.

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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