



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

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

August 28, 2022

12th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30am

GATHERING

Greeting

Prelude

Bist Du Bei Mir
Generation Fusion Quartet

arr. Sherry Lewis

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship — adapted from Zechariah 9:9-10

Cry out with joy, O daughters and sons of God!
Shout jubilantly, O church of Jesus!

Look—your Lord is coming;
He is righteous and able to save.
He comes seated humbly on a donkey.
He comes with peace, to heal the nations.

He will dismantle all the chariots,
retire all the warhorses,
send home the soldiers to their families.
He will make peace among the nations.
His sovereignty will extend from coast to coast.
His love for all will never end.

Hymn #393

O Day of Rest and Promise

O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light,
O balm for care and sadness, most beautiful most bright;
on you, the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune,
sing “Holy, holy, holy” to the great God triune

On you, at earth’s creation the light first had its birth;
on you, for our salvation Christ rose from depths of earth;
on you, our Lord victorious sent Spirit forth from heaven.
And thus on you, most glorious, a triple light was given.

On you, God’s people, meeting, the Holy Scripture hear,
Christ’s living presence greeting, through bread and wine made near.
New graces ever gaining from this our day of rest,
we reach the rest remaining to spirits of the blest.

CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

Loving God, Lord of our lives,
Jesus rode a donkey and came in peace,
humbled himself and gave himself for us.

**We confess how often we lack humility.
As he entered Jerusalem,
the crowds shouted “Hosanna: ‘Save us now!’”
On Good Friday they shouted “Crucify!”**

**We confess our praise is often empty.
We sing “Hosanna,” but cry “Crucify.”
As the crowd laid their palms in front of him,
he took no glory for himself.**

**We confess that we want to take the easy way.
We do not stay true to your will, your law of love.
Forgive us, Lord, and help us
to follow in the way of obedience.**

Hear our 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)

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

Amazing Grace

arr. Thomas Quigley

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 12:9-19

Hymn #179 (remain seated)

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd,
the victor palm branch waving, the chanting clear and loud;
the Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer; the Lord of heaven, our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.

Scripture – Zechariah 9:8-10

Sermon – **STAINED GLASS SUMMER: The pattern of palms and peace**

*Hymn #846

Fight the Good Fight

Fight the good fight with all thy might.
Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace;
lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face.
Life with its way before us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside; lean on thy guide. God's boundless mercy will provide.
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near.
God changeth not, and thou art dear.
Only believe, and thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to thee.

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

Hornpipe

arr. Cleo Aufderhaar



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)

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.

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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