



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

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

August 7, 2022

9th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30am

GATHERING

Greeting

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship – based on Psalm 81

Sing with joy to God, our strength, our fortress.

Raise your voices to the True God of our forebears.

Sing and strike up a melody;

sound the organ and piano,

strum the sweet strings and raise a voice.

Blow the trumpet to announce a new season,

set apart this time as a day of our feast.

For this is prescribed for God's people,

a rule ordained by the True God of all.

Says the Lord:

"I will feed you the best wheat

and satisfy you with the honey of sweet salvation."

Hymn #645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,

the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.

With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled:

to God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power has made God's gracious mercy keepeth;

by morning glow or evening shade God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.

Within the kingdom of God's might, lo! all is just and all is right:

to God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away, but, through all grief distressing,
an ever-present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing,

as with a mother's tender hand God gently leads the chosen band:
to God all praise and glory!

Thus all my toilsome way along I sing aloud thy praises,
that all may hear the grateful song, my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and body, take your part:
to God all praise and glory!

CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession – based on Psalm 81:16

**Generous God,
you “feed us with the very best wheat.”
You have given us ample food for our bodies
and you have given us
the Bread of Life in Jesus
our Brother.**

**Forgive us
when we feast on foolish things
when we devour what we could share
when we cry hungry when we are in fact full.**

**Restore unto us
a taste for your wheat
a hunger for justice and mercy
the joy of your salvation.**

**As we prepare to come again to your table
hear our prayers of sincere 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.

*Passing the Peace

Announcements and Invitations

Gathering our Offerings

Offertory Music

Be Still My Soul
Pat McCall, violin

arr. Dennis Allen

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 – 1 Corinthians 15:35-49

Hymn #726 verses 1-3 (remain seated) *Will You Come and Follow Me*

“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”

“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?”

“Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?

Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?

Will you kiss the leper clean, and do suck as this unseen,

and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”

Scripture – John 12:20-26

Sermon – **STAINED GLASS SUMMER: The multiplication of wheat**

Hymn #726 verses 4-5 (remain seated) *Will You Come and Follow Me*

“Will you love the ‘you’ you hide if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

SHARING

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right for us to give thanks and praise...**

Hymn #516

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.

By this promise that you love us, by your gift of peace restored,
by you call to heaven above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.

With the saints who now adore you seated at the heavenly board,
may the church still waiting for you keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

In your service, Lord, defend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;
in the world to which you send us let your kingdom come, O Lord.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom Come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sharing of Bread and Cup

All who desire the communion meal are invited to come forward to the table, receive a portion of bread from the pastor, take a cup from one of the elders, and return to the pew. We will share in the cup together once everyone has been served.

Music during Communion

Closing Unison Prayer

**God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life.
May this food strengthen us in love
and help us to serve you in each other.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Lord. Amen.**

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
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 are given to the glory of God by Amy Vogt in loving memory of Bob Vogt.

Christmas in July – A Backpack Ministry Outreach

Your giving to the Backpack Ministry's Christmas in July campaign totaled over \$2700! Thank you so much for your support of this neighborhood outreach.

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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