



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

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

September 11, 2022

14th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30am

GATHERING

Greeting

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship – based on hymn 1

We pray
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Once again, this morning, our songs rise to thee.

We sing
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty,
God known in three persons, blessed Trinity!

We say
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All your works will praise your name, in earth and sky and sea.

We worship
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty,
In this hour, in our fellowship, our songs we raise to you!

Hymn #1

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All they works shall praise they name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

Lord Jesus, you came to serve.

As you came to a blind man and gave him sight,

**come to us in our darkness
and show us the things we cannot see.**

As you came to a man tormented in his mind
and gave him peace and healing,

come to us in our tensions and make us whole.

As you came to Lazarus, who was dead,
and brought him from the grave,

come to us in our deadness and bring us to real life now with our living Lord.

As you came to a dying thief and promised him paradise,
come to us now in forgiveness and give us hope.

Hear our prayers ...

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness #623

I've Got Peace like a River

I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river, in my soul. [*repeat*]

I've got joy like a fountain; I've got joy like a fountain; I've got joy like a fountain in my soul. [*repeat*]

I've got love like an ocean; I've got love like an ocean; I've got love like an ocean in my soul. [*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

Stewardship Moment — “Lord you make the common holy” — PROPERTY

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 – Genesis 6:5-22

Hymn #305 (remain seated)

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,
empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide,
as we in mission magnify the Crucified!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Scripture – 1 Peter 3:13-22

Sermon – **A Sanctuary Built for Sailing**

*Hymn #300

We Are One in the Spirit

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord; [*repeat*]
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

[*refrain*] And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand; [*repeat*]
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: [*refrain*]

We will work with each other; we will work side by side; [*repeat*]
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: [*refrain*]

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: [*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.

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

Ralph is leading Bible Study: Seven Sisters of Jesus, every Wednesday morning at 10am and evening at 6pm through October 19. We're doing 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 – Tonight at 6pm

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.

Hosts Needed – Small Group Dinners

As we continue to transition back to pre-Covid days, we are excited to bring back our small group dinners. These gatherings throughout the fall are typically composed of 8-10 members/friends meeting at the home of a host (or here at the church) for a meal and fellowship. If you are able to host a small group dinner, please sign up on your blue response sheet or call (478-318-7911) or email (admin@northminstermacon.org) Jennifer for details.

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.

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. See your insert for details.

Stewardship Picnic – Oct. 2

As we celebrate God's gifts and show thanks on commitment Sunday, we will enjoy a picnic and fellowship on the lawn immediately following the worship service.

Rise Against Hunger – Oct. 2

Mark your calendars! Sunday, October 2nd is our annual Rise Against Hunger packing event. Five churches across our Presbytery will each pack 10,000 meals. This year First Presbyterian of Warner Robins is hosting in our area. Stay at church for our picnic, then jump in a car and pack some meals! This is a terrifically fun, multi-generation event. Please join us.

Sunday, October 2nd- 2:00 pm, First Presbyterian Warner Robins

Peace and Global Witness – Oct. 2

The Peace and Global Witness Offering draws Presbyterians together as active peacemakers and provides education and exposure to those who show us how to do this work well. It allows us to create resources for dealing with conflict and nurturing reconciliation and stand in support of our global sisters and brothers, because the peace of Christ belongs to people everywhere.

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 - Thursday 9:00-1:00
Jennifer Cell: 478-318-7911