



# NORTHMINSTER

## *Presbyterian Church*

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

September 18, 2022

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

10:30am

### GATHERING

Greeting

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship – based on Isaiah 61

The prophet looks ahead to the coming of God's servant:

The Spirit of the Lord, the Eternal, is on me.

**The Lord has appointed me for a special purpose.**

God has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

**God has sent me to repair broken hearts.**

And to declare to those who are held captive and bound in prison,

**“Be free from your imprisonment!”**

God has sent me to announce the year of jubilee, the season of the Eternal's favor:

**For those who mourn it will be a time of comfort.**

As for those who grieve over the past,

**God has sent me to give them a beautiful crown in exchange for ashes.**

To anoint them with gladness instead of sorrow,

**to wrap them in victory, joy, and praise instead of depression and sadness.**

People will call them magnificent,

like great towering trees standing for what is right.

**They stand to the glory of the Eternal who planted them.**

Hymn #4

*Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you.

All on earth your scepter claim; all in heaven above adore you.

Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign.

Hark! The glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising;

cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising,

fill the heavens with sweet accord: “Holy, holy, holy Lord!”

All apostles join the strain as your sacred name they hallow;  
prophets swell the glad refrain, and the blessed martyrs follow,  
and from morn to set of sun, through the church the song goes on.

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit: three we name you,  
while in essence only one; undivided God we claim you,  
and adoring bend the knee while we own the mystery.

## CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

**Living God,  
loving God,  
you sent Jesus for all who need him.  
You love the world and every creature in it.  
There is a great wideness to your mercy.**

**Yet still we are  
tempted to assume that  
that your grace is a limited commodity,  
that some are more loved than others,  
that we are “in” and so others must be “out.”**

**Heal us from our spiritual myopia  
and cast again among us  
a vision of your generous love  
in Jesus the Healer.**

**In his name, 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 — Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

\*Passing the Peace

Announcements and Invitations

Stewardship Moment – “Lord you make the common holy” – NEIGHBORHOOD and OUTREACH

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 – Luke 4:16-30

Hymn #722 (remain seated)                      *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*

Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone.  
As you have sought, so let me seek your erring children, lost and lone.  
O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wandering and the wavering feet.  
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed your hungering ones with manna sweet.  
O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious truths which you impart.  
And wing my words that they may reach the hidden depths of many-a heart.  
O fill me with your fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'er-flow  
in kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.  
O use me, Lord, use even me, just as you will, and when, and where  
until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.

Sermon – **Lord, Show us Widows in Sidon and Lepers in Syria**

\*Hymn #729    *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart. In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart.  
  
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart.  
  
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart  
  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart.

## 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](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; 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.

### Church Golf Outing

Attention all Northminster golfers – Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> 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, Monday, Thursday 9:00-1:00  
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