



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

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

September 25, 2022

16th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30am

GATHERING

Greeting

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship – based on Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will our help come?

Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

He who keeps his people will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

**The Lord will watch over your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.**

Hymn #10

Sing Glory to the Name of God

Sing glory to the name of God, whose holy splendor shines abroad. Alleluia, alleluia!

Enthroned above the crashing waves, the God of grace and glory saves. Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The name of God is full of might: resounding thunder, flashing light. Alleluia, alleluia!

The wilderness cannot contain the echoes of the great refrain: Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The name of God is wild and free, a-whirl in holy mystery. Alleluia, alleluia!

A secret wrapped in smoke and fire, still chanted by the temple choir: Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

May God forever be our peace; may hymns of glory never cease: Alleluia, alleluia!

Let all the faithful people come; sing praise to God, the Three-in-One: Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

**Faithful Lord,
like the psalmist of old,
how often we lift up our eyes
to the toils and snares all around us.**

**Forgive us when we lose our way.
Have patience with us when we stray.
Remember your mercy when
we choose to stand on
the shaky ground of fleeting things.**

**By your grace,
keep us from all evil
and watch over us today
and forevermore.**

In Jesus' 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 Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

*Passing the Peace

Announcements and Invitations

Stewardship Moment – “Lord you make the common holy” – PASTOR and STAFF

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 – Ephesians 4:1-16

Hymn #450 (remain seated)

Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower; raise thou me heaven-ward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach Heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Sermon – “**...to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ...**”

*Hymn #733

We All Are One in Mission

We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission compels us from above
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace,
so every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word.
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

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.

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

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