



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

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

September 4, 2022

13th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30am

GATHERING

Greeting

Prelude

Danny Boy
Pat McCall, violin

arr. James Michael Stevens

Choral Introit

Jesus Is Lord

Getty/Townsend

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship – based on hymn 630

Fairest Lord Jesus,
Ruler of all nature,
from God to us came down.

**You will we cherish,
You will we honor,
You, our souls' glory, joy, and crown.**

Bright is the sunshine,
lovely too the moonlight,
and all the twinkling, starry skies.

**Jesus shines brighter;
Jesus shines purer,
than all the angels heaven can boast.**

Beautiful Savior,
Servant of all nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!

**Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be yours!**

Hymn #630

Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O thou of God to earth come down,
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring.
Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host.
Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior, Ruler of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forever-more be thine!

CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Silent Prayers of 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.

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" – WORSHIP

Gathering our Offerings

Offertory Music

There Is a Fountain

arr. Christy James

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 – Revelation 1:4-8 and other selections

Hymn #641 (remain seated)

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride,
it is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia!

How often, making music, we have found a new dimension in the world of sound,
as worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia!

So has the church, in liturgy and song, in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
borne witness to the truth in every tongue: Alleluia!

And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night when utmost evil strove against the light?
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight: Alleluia!

Let every instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!

Sermon – STAINED GLASS SUMMER: We worship the Alpha and Omega

*Hymn #366, verses 1-2

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

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 #366, verses 3-4

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, never-more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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; 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)

Sanctuary Flowers

Flowers this week have been given to the glory of God by Karen Jones in celebration of her 45th wedding anniversary with Tom.

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. See your insert 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.

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.

Reception for Sandy Smith

Today is 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 Moseley; 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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