



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

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

October 16, 2022

19th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30am

GATHERING

Greeting

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship — based on Ephesians 4:1-4

The apostle's teaching shapes our worship:

Live a life that is worthy of the calling God has graciously extended to us.

Let us be humble. Be gentle. Be patient. Let us greet one another in an atmosphere thick with love.

We make every effort to preserve the unity the Spirit has already created, with God's peace binding us together.

There is one body and one Spirit,

just as we were all called to pursue one hope.

There is one Lord Jesus, one living faith,

one ceremonial washing through baptism,

and one God—the Father over all

who is above all, through all, and in all.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn #481

I Believe in God the Father

I believe in God the Father, merciful and mighty Lord,
maker of the earth and heavens, whom we worship and adore;
and in Jesus Christ the Son, only Savior, sovereign one,
by the Holy Spirit given, born of Mary, blessed virgin.

Under Pilate, Jesus suffered, faithful to his final breath.
He was crucified and buried, and descended into death.
From the grave he did arise; he ascended through the skies;
now enthroned with God in heaven, he will judge the dead and living.

I believe in God the Spirit, and the church in every place;
saints in glorious communion, all forgiven, full of grace;
flesh and blood will live again; life in Christ will never end.
Holy Spirit, Son and Father: I will praise your name forever.

CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

**God of such new life,
you have washed us clean
in the waters of your Spirit.
You have claimed us as your own.**

**Forgive us when we forget to bathe
in the truth of who we are and whose we are.
We seek other's truths.
We align with other masters.
We look for comfort in fleeting things.**

**Set us free from a past we cannot change.
Meet us again today with your good news.
Turn us loose for the future with light and life.**

In Jesus' name, hear our confessions...

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness #581 *Glory Be to the Father*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen.

*Passing the Peace

Announcements and Invitations

Gathering our Offerings

Offertory Music

Jesus Loves Me
played by Pam Radford, grandmother of the baptized

arr. Jason Payne

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

Hymn #35 (remain seated) *Praise Ye, the Lord Almighty*

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly for aye we adore him.

Scripture – Philippians 2:1-13

Sermon – Michael, you are predestined for Third Place

Hymn #482

Baptized In Water

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;
heirs of salvation, trusting the promise, faithfully now God's praises we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ our King;
one with his rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praises we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our King;
born of the Spirit, we are God's children; joyfully now God's praises we sing.

Affirmation of Faith – Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Baptism of Michael Kennard Napier, III

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)

Sanctuary Flowers

Flowers today have been given to the grace of God by Pat McCall in memory of her father, James McCall, and in celebration of the birthdays of two precious friends – Frank Ellis and Chad.

Macon Recovers Coat Drive

Our wonderful neighbors, Macon Recovers, are holding a winter coat drive now through November 30th. Please bring your gently used scarves, gloves, coats, socks, and hats to Northminster before November 30th or you may take your items directly to Macon Recovers Tuesday through Saturday between 11^{AM}-7^{PM}.

Small Group Dinners

We have several small group dinners lined up for the fall. If you would like to be a guest at one of these dinners, please sign up on the blue response sheet and we will contact you with the available dates from which you may choose.

UKirk Wild Alaska Night – November 18 at 6^{PM}

The UKirk Ministry is holding a fundraising dinner featuring salmon caught by Boyd Ellison. Tickets are \$30 each and available from Emory Whitaker, Jeff Denny, or Sam McDuffie. We will also host an ecumenical worship service in our sanctuary following dinner. If you would like to participate in the community choir of this service, see the enclosed flyer for rehearsal details.

Church Office Hours

Jennifer will be on vacation Thursday, October 20th through Tuesday, October 25th. The office will reopen Wednesday at 9^{AM}.