



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

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

October 2, 2022

17th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30am

GATHERING

Greeting

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship – based on hymn 611

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!

Our hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to your Light above.

Melt our clouds of sin and sadness; drive our dark of doubt away.

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of this new day.

Saints of God, join the happy chorus which the bright morning stars began.

Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining us all in heaven's plan.

Ever singing, walk we onward, victors in the midst of all strife.

Joyful music leads us onward in the triumph song of life.

Hymn #611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!

Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays;

Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,

Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.

Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.

Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.

Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Silent Prayers of Confession

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*]

*Passing the Peace

Announcements and Invitations

Stewardship Moment – “Lord you make the common holy” – DEDICATION SUNDAY

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 – Acts 2:41-47

Hymn #298 (remain seated)

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

Lord, you give the great commission: “Heal the sick and preach the word.”

Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard,

Help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity:

With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to your service: “In my name baptize and teach”

That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each,

Give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community:

With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you make the common holy: “This, my body; this, my blood.”

Let us all, for earth's true glory, daily lift life heavenward,

Asking that the world around us share your children's liberty:

With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you show us love's true measure: “Father, what they do, forgive.”

Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give.

May your care and mercy lead us to a just society:

With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you bless with words assuring: “I am with you to the end.”

Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend,

And, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity:

With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Sermon – “**Lord you make the common holy**”

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...**

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.

Hymn #525

Let Us Break Bread

Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

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 Amy Maley in celebration of her 30th anniversary.

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 – Today after worship

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 – Today at 2pm

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 – Today

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.

Congregational Meeting – Oct. 9

We will have a brief congregational meeting to vote on the slate of 2023-24 elders immediately following the service next Sunday.

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
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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