



# NORTHMINSTER

## *Presbyterian Church*

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

October 9, 2022

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

10:30am

### GATHERING

Greeting

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship — based on Hymn 15

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing.

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

O brother sun with golden beam, O sister moon with silver gleam,

**Sing praises! Alleluia!**

O sisters, brothers, let us take our part, and worship God with humble hearts.

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

All creatures, bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One!

**Sing praises! Alleluia!**

Hymn #15

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother sun with golden beam, O sister moon with silver gleam, sing praises!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother wind with clouds and rain, you nurture gifts of fruit and grain. Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sister water, flowing clear, make music for your Lord to hear, sing praises!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shadows of the night. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dear mother earth, who day by day unfolds such blessings on our way, sing praises!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All who for love of God forgive, all who in pain or sorrow grieve, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ bears your burdens and you fears; so, even in the midst of tears, sing praises!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And you, most gentle sister death, waiting to hush our final breath: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom, fair is the night that leads us home. Sing praises!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God with humble heart. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
All creatures, bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One! Sing praises!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

**God of creation, God of our lives,**

**You have made the world good and filled it with life and light.**

**All around us, your creation sings your praises.**

**Forgive us when our song goes quiet**

**when we give in to the silence when we surrender our voice.**

**Stir in our souls a new song**

**a fresh chorus a testimony of faith, hope, and love.**

**In Jesus' name, hear our confessions ...**

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 – Apostles' Creed

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

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

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

\*Passing the Peace

Announcements and Invitations

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 – Psalm 23

Stained-Glass Window Dedication – Andy and Ann Weaver

Hymn #14 (remain seated)

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given;  
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Sermon – The Lord is our shepherd

## DEPARTING

Hymn #697

*Take My Life and Let It Be*

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,  
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King;  
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee,  
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose,  
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,  
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee,  
ever, only, all for thee.

\*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.

Congregational Meeting

## 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)

### Sanctuary Flowers

Flowers today have been given to the grace of God by Ann Smith in loving memory and celebration of the birthdays of her mother, Ann Kinnett Smith, and brother, Langdon Smith.

### 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.

### Congregational Meeting – Today

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

### 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.

### 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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