



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

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

November 13, 2022

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

10:30am

GATHERING

Greeting

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship — based on Hymn 610

O if we had a thousand voices here
to sing of God's amazing love and grace!

**We join our songs with saints across time and space
singing of the glory of what God has done.**

Jesus is the name that calms our fears.
It is the name that brings sorrows to an end.
**His name is music to our listening ears.
His name is life, and health, and healing.**

To God alone may all glory, praise, and love
be today and on every day given.

**By saints below and saints above:
the Church on earth and in heaven.**

Hymn #610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!

The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.

Christ speaks, and listening to his voice new life the dead receive;
the mournful waken to rejoice; the poor in heart believe.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

**Holy God, Loving God,
you have spoken to us so clearly
in the voice of Jesus our Brother.
His message is the song that has come down to us
in the chorus of the church's testimony.**

**Forgive us, we pray,
when we sing other songs
when choose not to love and so sing off key
when we hum along with the world's madness**

**For what we have done in error,
or have failed to do in love,
once again we lean on your mercy.**

Hear our prayers in Jesus' name ...

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness #581

Gloria Patri

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.

Remembering the Law of Love – based on Matthew 22

What is the great and first commandment?

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

What is the second commandment like it?

Love your neighbor as yourself.

What does this mean?

Love is the fulfilling of the law.

To what does this call us?

To a life of faith working through love.

*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 – Proverbs 2:1-15

Hymn #612 (remain seated)

We Praise You, O God

We praise you, O god, our Redeemer, Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our gathers and mothers; through trial and tempest our guide you have been.
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us, and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us. To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

Scripture – Luke 24:13-35

Sermon – The joy of walking with you to Emmaus

Hymn #741

Guide My Feet

Guide my feet while I run this race; guide my feet while I run this race;
guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Hold my hand while I run this race; hold my hand while I run this race;
Hold my hand while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Stand by me while I run this race; stand by me while I run this race;
Stand by me while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

I'm your child while I run this race; I'm your child while I run this race;
I'm your child while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Search my heart while I run this race; search my heart while I run this race;
Search my heart while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Guide my feet while I run this race; guide my feet while I run this race;
Guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

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)

Choir Practices – Every Wednesday

Music Director, Gunner Chancey, invites all interested saints to come together in the choir room at 7^{PM} on Wednesday evenings for choir rehearsal.

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}.

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.

Ecumenical Worship & Dialogue – November 18th at 7^{PM}

Following the UKirk dinner, the Flint River Presbytery Young Adult Ministry, partnered with the UKirk-Episcopal Fellowship at Mercer, will host a worship service and dialogue. All are invited.

Community Choir Practices for Ecumenical Worship

As part of the Ecumenical service, all in the community are invited to participate in the choir. Rehearsals will be held in Northminster's sanctuary at the following times: Saturday, Nov. 5 from 9:30-10:30^{AM}, Sunday, Nov. 13 from 4:00-5:00^{PM}, and the day of the service, Nov. 18 from 5:00-5:45^{PM}.

Youth Bottled Water Drive

The Northminster Youth have learned of a need for bottled water for the Loaves & Fishes Ministry, as they go through 45 cases a month! Even with cooler months coming, the need continues. We will be collecting bottled water from now through November 27th. Youth will be available to bring the waters from your car into the church, or a monetary donation is welcome. Simply put "water" in the check memo line or on your offering envelope. See Donna Shuford if you have any questions.

Annual Gloves for the Homeless

Northminster will once again be donating warm gloves for the Mentor's Christmas Party for the homeless population of Macon and our friends at Loaves & Fishes. Each year we donate 250 pairs of gloves to each organization. We will be collecting donations throughout this month for the purchase of these gloves. Donate online or in the collection plate (please add "gloves" to the memo line of your check). Thank you!

Annual Alternative Christmas Fair

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 4th! Join us after worship for our Alternative Christmas Fair in the fellowship hall.

Church Directory Updates and Photos

Throughout the Advent season, we will be taking photos and asking everyone to review the contact information we have for you. We plan to publish an updated pictorial directory at the start of 2023.

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 GUNNER CHANCEY, Director of Music

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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