



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

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

November 20, 2022

Christ the King Sunday

10:30am

GATHERING

Greeting

Melissa McDougald, worship assistant

Prelude

Scripture – Colossians 1:11-20

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship – based on Psalm 93

The Lord reigns. God is robed in majesty.

The Lord is robed in majesty and is armed with strength.

The world is firmly established; it cannot be moved.

Your throne was established long ago, O Lord. You are God from all eternity.

Your statutes and teachings stand firm.

Holiness adorns your house for endless days, O Lord.

Hymn #275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.

Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.

For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe.

His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.

Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he.

Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.

The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him.

His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure.

One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them abideth.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also.
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still.
His kingdom is forever.

CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

**Righteous God,
you have crowned Jesus as Christ and Lord of all.
We confess that we have after strayed from his way
and are slow to acknowledge his loving, living rule.
We give allegiance to the empty powers of this world
and fail to be governed by your justice and love.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all,
that we may be his loyal ambassadors of love,
obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Hear our prayers in his name ...

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.

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 – Luke 23:33-43

Hymn #286 (remain seated)

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

Sermon – Living Under the Reign of Christ

Rev. Michael Ruffin

Hymn #267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;
his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,
singing forever more: Alleluia! 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 today have been given to the grace of God by Pat McCall in gratitude for our abundant blessings individually and as a church family.

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}.

Youth Bottled Water Drive

We will be collecting bottled water for the Loaves & Fishes Ministry 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. The Alternative Christmas Fair is an opportunity to give to a charity or mission of your choice in honor of someone else. What a perfect gift! It always fits, never expires, and makes everyone feel good.

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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