



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

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

November 6, 2022

All Saints Day

10:30am

GATHERING

Greeting

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

This world would deny you, Lord,
and rely only on human wisdom
in a search for answers to questions they have yet to ask,
in the midst of doubts they fear to face.
But we will praise you, and exalt your name.

**We know that you are Alpha,
the beginning of all things.
And the Omega, the end.
You are the Lord of all that is between.**

We have known your healing.
We have known your provision.
We have known your victory,
even as we have also known the pain of loss and grief.

**You have turned our sorrow into dancing
and our tears to songs of joy.
We join the great cloud of witnesses
across all time, praising you evermore.
Amen!**

Hymn #515

I Come with Joy

I come with joy, as a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known, alive among us here, alive among us here.

Together met, together bound by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Silent Prayers of Confession

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 Our Departed Saints

Jewell James

William "Bill" Faulkner

Betty Barlow

Dr. Gene Kelly

Janet Kelly

Carolyn Gleaton

Diane Frank

Hymn #326

For All the Saints

For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!

*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 22:14-23

Hymn #525 (remain seated)

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.

Scripture – Luke 24:13-35

Sermon – A tale of Two Tables

SHARING

Hymn #509

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

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.**

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 in recognition of the Northminster Prayer Group. The many families and friends who continue to receive God's comfort, healing, and the assurance of His presence are grateful for your endless prayers. "Great is Thy Faithfulness." With heartfelt thanks, the family of Andy & Shelby Duffy.

Choir Practices – Every Wednesday

Music Director, Gunner Chancey, invites all interested saints to come together in the choir room at 7PM 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 11AM-7PM.

UKirk Wild Alaska Night – November 18 at 6PM

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.

Ecumenical Worship & Dialogue – November 18th at 7PM

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 9:30-10:30AM, Sunday, Nov. 13 from 4:00-5:00PM, and the day of the service, Nov. 18 from 5:00-5:45PM.

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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