



# NORTHMINSTER

## *Presbyterian Church*

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

January 22, 2023

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

10:30am

### GATHERING

Chimes

Greeting

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship — based on Psalm 25

To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls.

**O my God, in you I trust;  
do not let me be put to shame;  
do not let love's enemies triumph over me.**

Make us to know your ways, O Lord;  
**teach us your paths.**

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,  
**for they have been from of old.**

Do not remember the sins of our youth or our transgressions.  
**According to your steadfast love remember me,  
for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!**

Lead us in your truth and teach us,  
**for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all day long.**

Hymn #664

*Morning Has Broken*

Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, spring in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning, born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation; praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day!

## CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

**Merciful God,  
remember your mercy,  
be mindful of your steadfast love,  
for they have been from old.**

**For the sake of your goodness, O Lord,  
do not remember our sins and transgressions.  
Teach us, likewise, to let go of the past  
and to welcome in this hour  
your goodness  
and grace.**

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness #610

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

*verses 1-2*

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.

Affirmation of Faith — Presbyterian Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

\*Passing the Peace

Announcements and Invitations

Hymn #69, verses 1-2

*I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

#### Ordination and Installation of Ruling Elders

Nita McCord

Donna Shuford

Jeff Denny

#### Hymn #69, verses 3

*I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?  
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

#### Gathering our Offerings

#### Offertory Music

#### Response — 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 10:38-42

#### Sermon – SISTERS OF JESUS: Choosers are Never Beggars

#### Hymn #325

*By All Your Saints Still Striving*

By all your saints still striving, for all your saints at rest,  
your holy name, O Jesus, for evermore be blessed!  
For those passed on before us, we sing our praise anew  
and, walking in their footsteps, would live our lives for you.

We praise you for the Baptist, forerunner of the Word,  
our true Elijah, making a highway for the Lord.  
The last and greatest prophet, he saw the dawning ray  
of light that grows in splendor until the perfect day.

All praise, O Lord, for Andrew, the first to welcome you,  
whose witness to his brother named you Messiah true.  
May we, with hearts kept open to you throughout the year  
proclaim to friend and neighbor your advent ever near.

For Magdalene we praise you, steadfast as cross and tomb.  
Your "Mary!" in the garden dispelled her tears and gloom.  
Apostle to the apostles, she ran to spread the word.  
Send us to share the good news that we have seen the Lord!

We pray for saints we know not, for saints still yet to be,  
for grace to bear true witness and serve you faithfully,  
till all the ransomed number who stand before the throne  
ascribe all power and glory and praise to God alone.

## DEPARTING

\*Benediction

\*Sung Response

Northumbria Community

May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever.  
Grant you peace; perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.  
Lift up your eyes and see His face and His grace forever.  
May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

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](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; Kathy Wheeler; Frank Clark; Lynn Southerland; Tom Jones; Nancy Miles; Ann Weaver; Kathy McCord

Current Friends and Family Concerns: Margaret Yawn; Donna Carole Kitchens; Joel Jones; Cindi Shuford Akins; Nelda Crow; Sara Walcott

Military Personnel Prayer List: Austin Riley; Joshua Sulkers; Isaac Falkenstine (Bonnie Diboll's grandson); Walker Wright (Mayhew's grandson); James Watwood

### Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 29, we will hold a congregational meeting immediately following the worship service to approve the pastoral terms of call.

### Bingo! – Youth Montreat fundraiser

All are invited to join us in the Fellowship hall Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> after worship for lunch and Bingo! Sponsored by our youth to help raise funds for this year's Montreat Youth Conference, they will provide chicken and ask you to bring a side to share.

### 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; Jeff Denny; Barbara Fatkin; Nita McCord; Jinny McDuffie; Ray Mosely; Michael Napier; Donna Shuford; 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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