



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

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

January 8, 2023

Baptism of the Lord

10:30am

GATHERING

Greeting

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship — based on Psalm 29

Give all credit to the Eternal, O creatures;
give praise to Him for His glory and power.

**Give to the Eternal the glory due God's name;
worship God with lavish displays of sacred splendor.**

The voice of the Eternal echoes over the great waters;
God's magnificence roars like thunder.

God's voice sounds out in great power over the earth.

God's voice is both regal and grand.

The voice of the Eternal cuts through with flames of fire.

The voice of the Eternal rumbles through the wilderness.

We ask You, Eternal One, to give strength to Your people;

Eternal One, bless us with the gift of your peace.

Hymn #159

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

O sing a song of Bethlehem, of shepherds watching there,
and of the news that came to them from angels in the air.
The light that shone on Bethlehem fills all the world today.
Of Jesus' birth and peace on earth the angels sing alway.

O sing a song of Nazareth, of sunny days of joy;
O sing of fragrant flowers' breath, and of the sinless boy.
For now the flowers of Nazareth in every heart may grow.
Now spreads the fame of his dear name on all the winds that blow.

O sing a song of Galilee, of lake and woods and hill,
of him who walked upon the sea and bade its waves be still.
For though, like waves on Galilee, dark seas of trouble roll,
when faith has heard the Master's word, falls peace upon the soul.

O sing a song of Calvary, its glory and dismay,
of him who hung upon the tree, and took our sins away.
For he who died on Calvary is risen from the grave,
and Christ, our Lord, by heaven adored, is mighty now to save.

CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

**Holy yet merciful God,
in your presence we confess
our sinfulness, our shortcomings,
and our offenses against you.**

**You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.**

**Have mercy on us, O Lord,
for we are ashamed and sorry
for all we have done to displease you.**

**Forgive our sins,
and help us to live in your light
and walk in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

In his name, hear our confessions ...

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.

*Passing the Peace

Announcements and Invitations

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 – Isaiah 42:1-9

Hymn #175 (remain seated)

Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

You shall not live by bread alone, but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia!

Scripture – Matthew 3:13-17

Sermon – Learning our Belovedness

Dr. Brian Wright

Hymn #840

When Peace Like a River

When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul; it is well; it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control,
that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
It is well with my soul; it is well; it is well with my soul.

He lives: O the bliss of this glorious thought, My sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
It is well with my soul; it is well; it is well with my soul.

Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; even so it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul; it is well; it is well with my soul.

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; Kathy Wheeler; Frank Clark; Lynn Southerland; Steve, Helene, and baby Amelia Olk; Ricky Smith; Tom Jones; Nancy Miles; Ann Weaver; Fran Mayhew; 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

Elder Installation Breakfast and Ordination

All ordained elders, past and present, are invited to attend the elder installation breakfast, Sunday, January 22 at 8:30am. Please let Jennifer know if you are able to attend. (478-318-7911; admin@northminstermacon.org). During the worship service, we will ordain two new elders, Nita McCord and Donna Shuford.

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 29th 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
Jennifer Cell: 478-318-7911