



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

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

February 19, 2023

Transfiguration Sunday

10:30am

GATHERING

Chimes

Scripture – Matthew 17:1-9

Prelude

Opening Prayer

**God of power and wonder,
we are awestruck by your presence.
We rejoice at what we can see;
we marvel at what we cannot see.
You dazzle us with a great cloud.
Loving, protecting, challenging, nurturing,
you strengthen and transform us.
May we love and serve you in all that we are and do.
Glory be to you. Amen.**

Hymn #193

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

Jesus, take us to the mountain, where, with Peter, James, and John,
we are dazzled by your glory, light as blinding as the sun.
There prepare us for the night by the vision of that sight.

What do you want us to see there, that your close companions saw?
Your divinity revealed there fill us with the self-same awe.
Clothed in flesh like ours you go, matched to meet our deadliest foe.

What do you want us to hear there, that your dear disciples heard?
Once again the voice from heaven says of the Incarnate Word,
“Listen, listen, everyone: this is my beloved Son.”

Take us to that other mountain where we see you glorified,
where you shouted “It is finished!” where for all the world you died.
Hear the stunned centurion: “Truly this was God’s own Son!”

We who have beheld your glory, risen and ascended Lord,
cannot help but tell the story, all that we have seen and heard;
say with Peter, James, and John: “You are God’s beloved Son!”

CONFESSING

Call to Confession – based on Psalm 2

What has provoked the nations to embrace anger and chaos?

Why are the people making plans to pursue their own vacant and empty greatness?

Leaders of nations stand united;

rulers put their heads together,

plotting against the Eternal One and His Anointed, trying to figure out

how they can throw off the gentle reign of God's love,

step out from under the restrictions of His claims to advance their own schemes.

At first, the Power of heaven laughs at their silliness.

The Eternal mocks their ignorant selfishness.

But His laughter turns to rage, and He rebukes them.

As God displays His righteous anger, they begin to know the meaning of fear.

I am telling all of you the truth.

I have heard the Eternal's decree.

He said clearly to me, "You are My son.

Today I have become your Father.

**The nations shall be yours for the asking,
and the entire earth will belong to you."**

So leaders, kings and queens, and judges,

be wise, and be warned.

There is only one God, the Eternal;

worship God with respect and awe;

take delight in God and tremble.

Blessings await all who trust in Him.

They will find in God a gentle refuge.

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.

Affirmation of Faith – Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Passing the Peace

Hymn #156 (remain seated)

Sing of God Made Manifest

Sing of God made manifest in a child robust and blest,
to whose home in Bethlehem where a star had guided them,
magi came and gifts unbound, signs mysterious and profound:
myrrh and frankincense and gold and God and king foretold.

Sing of God made manifest when at Jordan John confessed,
“I should be baptized by you, but your bidding I will do.”
Then from heaven a double sign – dove-like Spirit, voice divine –
hailed the true Anointed One: “This is my beloved Son.”

Sing of God made manifest when Christ came as wedding guest
and at Cana gave a sign, turning water into wine;
further still was love revealed as he taught, forgave, and healed,
bringing light and life to all who would listen to God’s call.

Sing of God made manifest on the cloud-capped mountain’s crest,
where the law and prophets waned so that Christ alone remained:
glimpse of glory, pledge of grace, given as Jesus set his face
towards the waiting cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.

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 – 2 Peter 1:16-21

Interlude #190

Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

Scripture – Matthew 17:1-9

Sermon – Come up here and wait for God

Hymn #821

My Life Flows On

My life flows on in endless song, above earth’s lamentation.
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

[*refrain*] No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I’m clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? [*refrain*]

What though my joys and comforts die? I know my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth. [*refrain*]

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? [*refrain*]

DEPARTING

*Benediction

*Sung Response

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.

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

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – February 21 at 6:00pm

As Ash Wednesday approaches, Northminster is preparing our heart, mind and spirit for the liturgy and lessons of the season of Lent. We are excited this year to revive one of our favorite traditions: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper! Tuesday, February 21, join us at 6:00pm for food and fellowship as we celebrate God's abundant blessings and prepare our hearts for a Lenten season of reflection and prayer. Cost is \$5 per person with a \$20 maximum per family.

Men's Fellowship Dinner – February 26 at 6:00pm

Pastor Ralph and Elder Mike Napier invite all men, ages 10 to 100, to join us for a man-size dinner filled with great friends and conversation Sunday, February 26th at 6pm in the fellowship hall. Invite your friends and family to attend as well.

Women's Bible Study

Inviting all ladies! Women's Spring Bible Study will be held Wednesdays at 10^{AM} and 6^{PM} from March 1 to April 5 in the community room downstairs. The morning study will be led by Jeanne Roddenberry and Natalie Vernon. The evening study will be led by Virginia Cowsert and Lynn Denny. Please let us know on your blue response sheet which study you would like to attend.

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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