



March 5, 2023

Second Sunday in Lent

10:30am

GATHERING

Chimes

Unison Scripture – from Hebrews 12

**Let us fix our eyes on Jesus,
the author and perfecter of our faith,
who for the joy set before him endured the cross,
scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of God.
Let us consider him who endured such opposition from sinful people,
so that we will not grow weary and lose heart.**

Opening Prayer

Prelude

Prayer of Adoration

Let us contemplate Jesus the Lord:
Instead of the joy meant for him,
he endured the cross, disregarding its disgrace.

We worship you, Lord.

O Jesus Christ, born in humility
to confound the proud and to raise the humble:

We worship you, Lord.

You lived among us, healing the sick,
proclaiming good news to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

We worship you, Lord.

You came to unbind the chains of every slavery,
O friend of the humble, bread of hungry hearts.

We worship you, Lord.

Jesus, full of patience and goodness,
you showed forgiveness and kindness to the very end.

We worship you, Lord.

Jesus, gentle and humble of heart,
you call to yourself all who are weary and burdened.

We worship you, Lord.

Jesus, you came into the world to serve and to give your life;
you were betrayed for money, dragged before judges,
and nailed to a cross.

We worship you, Lord.

Jesus, Lord of the universe,
by your resurrection from the dead you are alive at the Father's side,
and there you prepare a place for us.

We worship you, Lord.

Hymn #187

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care.

In you pleasant pastures feed us; for our use your fold prepare.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.

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We are yours: in love befriend us; be the guardian of our way.

Keep your flock: from sin defend us; seek us when we go astray.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray.

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You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.

Early let us seek your favor; early let us do your will.

Blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us; love us still.

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LISTENING

Scripture – Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Response to Forgiveness #221

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

verses 1 & 3

O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down;

now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;

O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!

Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.

What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?

O make me thine forever; and should I fainting be,

Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

Scripture – Genesis 12:1-4

Sermon – LEARNING TO LIVE IN LENT: Movement

Hymn #69 (remain seated)

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.

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.

*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.

SHARING

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 by Thy name, Thy Kingdome 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 the 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.**

Hymn #733

We All Are One in Mission

We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission compels us from above
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace,
so every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word.
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

Affirmation of Faith — based on the Presbyterian Confession of 1967

Our new life in God finds its direction in the life of Jesus, his deeds and words, his struggles against temptation, his compassion, his anger, and his willingness to suffer death. The teaching of apostles and prophets guides us in living this life, and the Christian community nurtures and equips us for our ministries.

As members of his church we are emissaries of peace and seek the good of humanity in cooperation with powers and authorities in politics, culture, and economics. But we have to fight against pretensions and injustices when these same powers endanger human welfare. Our strength is in our confidence that God's purpose rather than human schemes will finally prevail. The resurrection of Jesus is the sign that God will consummate God's work of creation and reconciliation beyond death, and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ.

DEPARTING

*Charge and 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; Kathy McCord - Current Friends and Family Concerns: Margaret Yawn; Donna Carole Kitchens; Joel Jones; 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

Sanctuary Flowers

If you would like to provide fresh flowers for Sunday morning worship, please write your request on the board in the back of the sanctuary. Arrangements are \$65 each and can be paid to the church; simply write "flowers" in the memo line of your check or on your offering envelope.

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.

Chili Cookoff and Bake Sale – March 12 after worship

Sunday, March 12th after the worship service, we'll enjoy one of our favorite times of year - the Annual Youth Chili Cookoff and Dessert Auction! All are welcome to participate and bring family and friends. This is a fabulous opportunity to continue helping to make sure our youth can attend the Montreat Youth Conference this summer. Sign-up sheets are in your weekly bulletin and you may reply to the weekly email letting us know how you'd like to participate.

Macon Recovers – Hygiene Pantry Restock

Our wonderful neighbors at Macon Recovers are holding a Hygiene supply drive from March 1 through April 30. Supplies requested include but are not limited to shampoo & conditioner, cleansing wipes, body wash, deodorant, wash cloths, shaving cream and more. You may drop off your donations Tuesday through Saturday between 11^{AM} and 7^{PM} next door at 595 Wimbish Rd.

Thank you to Northminster

Dear Church Family, I want to thank all of you for the calls, cards, prayers and love extended to Andy and I over the past year, and especially the past four months. You all mean so much to our family. Love, Ann Weaver

Habitat for Humanity

Women Build is an annual event where corporate teams of women volunteer for their area's Habitat affiliate to sponsor, build, and dedicate a home. Women Build 2023 will be held during March with opportunities Monday- Saturday. Contact Ivey Hall at ihall@maconhabitat.org or (478)745-0630, ext. 303 for more details and to reserve your volunteer slot!

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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