



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

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

April 16, 2023

Second Sunday of Easter

10:30am

GATHERING

Chimes

Unison Scripture – from John 20:19-22

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week,
and the doors were locked where the disciples were,
Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”

After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side.

Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you.

As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”

**When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them,
“Receive the Holy Spirit.”**

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship – based on Psalm 118

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good.

God’s love endures forever.

In our anguish we cried to the LORD, and he answered by setting us free.

Give thanks to the LORD, for the Lord is good.

God’s love endures forever.

The Lord is our strength and our song;

The Lord has become our salvation.

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good.

God’s love endures forever.

We will not die but we will live,

and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;

God’s love endures forever.

*Hymn #232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured. Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

**Almighty God,
in raising Jesus from the grave,
you shattered the power of sin and death.**

**We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.**

**We overlook the poor and the hungry
and pass by those who mourn;
we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed
and indifferent to calls for peace;
we despise the weak
and abuse the earth you made.**

**Forgive us, God of mercy.
Help us to trust your power
to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the joy of life abundant
given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.**

Hear our prayers ...

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness #243

Be Not Afraid

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Be Not Afraid'. The music is written in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a fermata over the final note, and the second staff ends with a double bar line.

Be not a-fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le-lu-ia!
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Affirmation of Faith — from the 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 Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

*Passing the Peace

Announcements and Invitations

Gathering our Offerings for Ministry

Offertory Anthem

*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

Hymn #240 (remain seated) *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live forever.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Come let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Scripture – John 20:19-22

Sermon – SO I SEND YOU: Practicing the Resurrection through Kindness

*Hymn #300 *We Are One in the Spirit*

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;

we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
We will work with each other; we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

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 & Evelyn 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

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Pat McCall in honor of Jennifer Whitehead for the blessings she has given the church. Northminster is blessed in so many ways by those who work in the background.

Baseball in the Dominican Republic

Northminster has an incredible opportunity to help get children and youth in the Dominican Republic off the streets and into a sport that can help them in amazing ways. If you have any baseball equipment – bats, gloves, cleats, balls, bases – collecting dust in your closets, please bring them to the church by April 30th. We are also

collecting monetary donations to help with shipping of the donated equipment and providing purchase of additional equipment.

Opportunity for 2023 high school graduates

Sunday, April 23rd after church, our graduating seniors will have an exciting opportunity to gather as a small group and talk with member, Amy Maley, about budgeting, finance, and being money-savvy and talk with elder, Jeff Denny, about what to expect and how to handle those first years away from home and beginning college life. Lunch will be provided. If your senior (or any of their friends) would like to attend, please let Donna Shuford know.

Youth Car Wash – April 29th

Come out to Northminster Saturday, April 29th between 10AM-noon to get your car washed. This is the final fundraising opportunity for our youth to attend the Montreat conference this summer. Lunch will be provided for all volunteers.

5th Sunday Lunch – April 30th

Nita McCord and the Northminster Session are excited to be rejuvenating our 5th Sunday lunches! These lunches are a blessed opportunity to come together after the worship service for food and fellowship. Mark your calendars for April 30th (please note – this is a correction from the April newsletter) and join us after worship for lunch. You can RSVP, so we know how much food to prepare, to Jennifer at admin@northminstermacon.org or sign up on your blue response sheet.

Honoring our Seniors – May 7th

Six of our youth will be graduating from high school this year, and we will honor them with a reception in the Fellowship Hall immediately after worship. Please plan to come and help us celebrate the accomplishments of Ella Cole Alderman, Kendall Emener, Ella Hawkins, Andy Preyna, David Preyna and Ella Smith.

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, Wednesday-Friday 9:00-1:00

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