



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

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

May 28, 2023

Day of Pentecost

10:30am

GATHERING

Chimes

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship – based on Psalm 104

What a wildly wonderful world, God!

**You made it all, with Wisdom at your side,
made earth overflow with your wonderful creations.**

All your creatures look expectantly to you
to give them their sustenance on time.

**You come, and they gather around;
you open your hand and they eat from it.**

If you turned your back,
they'd die in a minute—

**Take back your Spirit and they die,
revert to original mud!**

Send out your Spirit and they spring to life—
the whole countryside in bloom and blossom.

The glory of God—let it last forever!

Let God enjoy God's amazing creation!

Oh, let me sing to God all my life long,

sing hymns to our God as long as we live!

Oh, let my song please the living God;

We're so pleased to be singing to God.

*Hymn #289

On Pentecost They Gathered

On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day,
a band of Christ's disciples, to worship, sing, and pray.
A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air,
and tongues of fire a-glowing inspired each person there.

The people all around them were startled and amazed
to understand their language, as Christ the Lord they praised.
What universal message, what great good news was here?
That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.

God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe,
on women, men, and children who would God's grace receive.
That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power.
The church, formed and reforming, responds in every hour.

O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago,
rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow.
O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise,
so folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.

CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

Holy Spirit, Creator,
at the beginning you hovered over the waters;
you breathe life into all creatures.

Restore us, Holy Spirit.

Holy Spirit, Comforter,
by you we are born again as children of God;
you make us living temples of your presence;
you pray within us with prayers too deep for words.

Restore us, Holy Spirit.

Holy Spirit, Lord and giver of life,
you are light, you bring us light;
you are goodness and the source of all goodness.

Restore us, Holy Spirit.

Holy Spirit, breath of life,
you sanctify and breathe life into the whole body of the church;
you dwell in each one of its members,
and you will one day give new life to our mortal bodies.

Restore us, Holy Spirit.

Hear our prayers ...

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 — excerpts from "The Brief Statement of Faith"

We trust in God, the Holy Spirit

everywhere the giver and renewer of life,

who binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit

who inspired the prophets and apostles

**rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.**

**In a broken and fearful world,
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing.**

*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

Scripture -- John 20:19-23

Hymn #286 (remain seated)

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God; until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God; till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God; so shall I never die,
but life with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

Scripture – Acts 1:6-11, 2:1-17

Sermon

“The Not-So-Silent Spirit!”

Rev. Debra Tregaskis

*Hymn #291

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

[*Refrain*] Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters; you called to the deep;
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing,
“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.” [*refrain*]

You swept through the dessert; you stung with the sand;
and you goaded your people with a law and a land.
When they were confounded with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. [*refrain*]

You sang in a stable; you cried from a hill;
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still.
And down in the city, you called once again
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. [*refrain*]

You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes;
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams.
Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise. [*refrain*]

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, guest preacher Rev. Deb Tregaskis

Rev. Debra Tregaskis serves as our Executive Presbyter, in Flint River Presbytery, connecting our 40 congregations and 4 campus ministries, supporting our pastors, and coordinating our shared ministry and mission. Nearly 3000 Presbyterians keep her on her toes – and on her knees! -- in the SW corner of GA. Prior to this work as presbytery staff, she served in campus ministry in Americus and as a congregational pastor in Ohio. She was educated at Yale Divinity School and is a native of Bucks County, Pa, outside Philadelphia. On Saturday, August 5, she and our pastor will be getting married during the worship service of the meeting of Flint River Presbytery. All are invited!

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

Flowers this week are given to the glory of God by Charlotte Nolan.

Pastor Ralph's Summer Schedule

From May 15–31, pastor Ralph will be on vacation. In celebration of Ella's graduation from high school, they will be road-tripping around the state of Colorado — enjoying creation's great western beauty and, of course, riding a great many historic trains! If during that time you have need of a pastoral presence, please reach out to Jennifer in our office or elder Genny Whitaker (478-731-5248). They will have access to pastors in our presbytery cluster, such as Rev. Curtis White at St. Andrews church and our Executive Presbyter, Rev. Deb Tregaskis. Ralph's time away includes the Sundays of May 21 and 28. We are excited to have Rev. Fairy Caroland preach on May 21. Fairy is a retired PCUSA minister who recently moved to Macon and who worships with us from time to time. On May 28, Pentecost Sunday, our EP Deb Tregaskis will bring the preaching for us.

Youth Activities

June 4th at 6pm, the youth will gather at the church for dinner and a movie, showing Jesus Revolution. The youth will have additional gatherings throughout the summer, including a study on prayer and lake day, where all school-aged children will be invited! Dates and details are forthcoming. If you would like to help provide a meal or lead one of the per-planned lessons on any Sunday night, please let Donna Shuford know (dwshuford@yahoo.com).

Pentecost Offering

A foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life. By receiving the Pentecost Offering, you are nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come — children, youth, and young adults. There will be a special offering envelope in today's bulletin.

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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