



# NORTHMINSTER

## *Presbyterian Church*

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

June 11, 2023

Second Sunday of Pentecost

10:30am

### GATHERING

Chimes

Welcome

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship – based on Psalm 100

On your spiritual feet now—let's applaud God!

**Bring a gift of laughter,  
sing ourselves into God's presence.**

Know this: God is God, and only God is God!

**God made us; we didn't make him.  
We're his people, his well-tended sheep.**

Enter with the password: "Thank you!"

**Make ourselves at home, talking praise.  
Thank God. Worship God.**

For God is sheer beauty,

**all-generous in love,  
loyal always and ever.**

\*Hymn #35

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!

Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for aye we adore him.

## CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

**Almighty and merciful God,  
how often we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.  
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.  
We have offended against your holy way.  
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;  
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Restore those who are penitent,  
according to your promises declared to the world  
in Christ Jesus, our faithful Lord.  
And grant, O merciful God, for his sake,  
that we may live a holy, just, and humble life  
to the glory of your holy name.**

**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 — 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

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

Old Testament Scripture – Psalm 100

Hymn #385 (remain seated) *All People that on Earth Do Dwell*

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell. Come ye before him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed; without our aid he did us make;  
we are his folk; he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise; approach with joy his courts unto;  
praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good; his mercy is forever sure;  
his truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

New Testament Scripture – Romans 5:1-8

Sermon – Make a Joyful Noise

Rev. Dr. Bryan Whitfield

\*Hymn #37 *Let All Things Now Living*

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God our Creator triumphantly raise;  
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, by guiding us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:  
till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

By law God enforces, the stars in their courses, the sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration, a song let us raise,  
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving: to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

## 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. Dr. Bryan Whitfield

Dr. Bryan Whitfield is a professor of religion and chair of the department of religion at Mercer University, where he has taught since 2002. We are excited to see Dr. Whitfield at our pulpit again.

### 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](mailto: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 Roland and Judy Hill in celebration of their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

### Youth Activities

The youth will meet each Sunday from June 25<sup>th</sup> through July 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm for dinner, games, and a study on prayer. If you would like to help provide a meal or lead one of the pre-planned lessons on any Sunday night, please let Donna Shuford know ([dwshuford@yahoo.com](mailto:dwshuford@yahoo.com)).

### Welcome, Veritas Classical Schools

As you drive by throughout the weeks of summer, you may notice some extra activity here at Northminster. In May your session approved the rental of our downstairs to Veritas Classical School of Macon. This school is an accredited home study program, where students in grades K through 12 attend teacher-led classes Tuesdays and Thursdays (and Fridays for higher-level math) and complete their work at home under parent-led direction the remaining days of the week. We are excited to welcome this wonderful school to our church! Open House and classes will begin in August.

### Line Dancing

The community line dance group from Theron Ussery Park (off Wimbish Rd) will be gathering here at Northminster in the fellowship hall throughout the summer every Thursday at 10:00am. You are welcome to come join the fun!

### 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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