



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

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

June 18, 2023

Third Sunday of Pentecost
Father's Day

10:30am

GATHERING

Chimes

Welcome

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship – based on Psalm 103

Praise the Lord, O my soul;
all my inmost being, praise God's holy name.

**Praise the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all God's numerous blessings.**

Praise the Lord, God's angels and creatures,
you mighty ones who do God's ministry, who obey God's work.

Praise the Lord, all God's heavenly hosts – you servants who do God's will.

Praise the Lord, all God's works everywhere in his dominion.

Praise the Lord, O my soul.

*Hymn #15, verses 1-5

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia! O brother sun with golden beam, O sister moon with silver gleam,
sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother wind with clouds and rain, you nurture gifts of fruit and grain,
Alleluia! Alleluia! O sister water, flowing clear, make music for your Lord to hear.
Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shadows of the night.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Dear mother earth, who day by day unfolds such blessings on our way,
sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All who for love of God forgive, all who in pain or sorrow grieve,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ bears your burdens and your fears; so, even in the midst of tears,
sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And you, most gentle sister death, waiting to hush our final breath:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
fair is the night that leads us home. Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

Lord, you said, "If you love me, you will obey what I command."

Forgive us for our lukewarm love and our disobedience.

Lord, you said, "You may ask for anything in my name."

Forgive us when we think we need to solve all our own problems.

Lord, you said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

We confess that our lives are often consumed by worry and anxiety. [over]

Lord, you said, "If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit."

Forgive us our sometimes barren lives of fruit, Lord.

Lord, you said, "You must testify, for you have been with me."

We confess, Lord, that we have been too often silent.

Lord, you said, "Love each other as I have loved you."

**In this and in so many other ways,
we confess our many shortcomings.**

Hear our prayers ...

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness #15, verse 6 *All Creatures of Our God and King*

O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God with humble heart. Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Three in One! Sing praises!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Announcements and Invitations

Thanksgiving for our Fathers of Faith

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

Hymn #463 (remain seated)

How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

Scripture — Luke 15:11-32

Sermon — Our Father, who art in the middle

*Hymn #313

Lord, Make Us More Holy

Lord, make us more holy; Lord, make us more holy;
Lord, make us more holy, until we meet again:
holy, holy, holy, until we meet again.

Lord, make us more loving; Lord, make us more loving;
Lord, make us more loving, until we meet again:
loving, loving, loving, until we meet again.

Lord, make us more patient; Lord make us more patient;
Lord, make us more patient, until we meet again:
patient, patient, patient, until we meet again.

Lord, make us more faithful; Lord, make us more faithful;
Lord, make us more faithful, until we meet again:
faithful, faithful, faithful, until we meet again.

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; 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 Minor and Natalie Vernon to give thanks for their anniversary and for their family.

Youth Activities

Tonight at 6pm, the youth will gather at the church for dinner and a movie, showing Jesus Revolution. The youth will then meet each Sunday from June 25th through July 16th 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).

Christmas in July

This July, we will hold our annual Christmas in July offering supporting our backpack ministry and Rosa Taylor teachers. Your gifts to this ministry not only provide 26 children each week with nourishing bags of food for the weekend, but also helps teachers with classroom supplies.

Hymn Sing and Ice Cream

Join us Sunday, July 9th at 6pm for worship through hymns and fellowship with ice cream! This is a free event and we'd love to see everyone there. Invite your family and friends.

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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