



# NORTHMINSTER

## *Presbyterian Church*

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

July 16, 2023

Seventh Sunday of Pentecost

10:30am

### GATHERING

Chimes

Welcome

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship – adapted from Psalm 46

Come, gaze, let us fix our eyes on what the Eternal can do.

**Amazing, God has worked greatness here on earth.**

God can stop wars anywhere in the world.

**God can make scrap of all the weapons of humanity:  
snap bows, shatter spears, and burn shields.**

“Be still, be calm, see, and understand I am the True God.”

**God is honored among all the nations.**

**God is honored over all the earth.**

Know that the Eternal, the Commander of heavenly armies,  
surrounds us and protects us.

**We worship the True God of Jesus, our shelter, close to God’s heart.**

\*Hymn #641

*When in Our Music God Is Glorified*

When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride,  
it is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia!

How often, making music, we have found a new dimension in the world of sound,  
as worship moved us to a more profound: Alleluia!

So has the church, in liturgy and song, in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,  
borne witness to the truth in every tongue: Alleluia!

And did not Jesus sing in psalm that night when utmost evil strove against the light?  
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight: Alleluia!

Let every instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!  
And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!

## CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

**Awesome and compassionate God,  
in giving us Jesus your Christ  
you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy.**

**But we have not always loved you as well.  
You constantly call us by your Spirit, but we do not listen.  
You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need,  
wrapped up in the comfort of our own concerns.  
How often we condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.**

**God of grace, as you come to us in mercy,  
we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin,  
and gratefully receive your forgiveness  
through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.**

**Hear our prayers ...**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness #654                      *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice!  
Look to God; do not be afraid. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.  
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

Scripture – Philippians 4:1-7

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

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

Scripture – Psalm 46

Hymn #329 (remain seated)                      *God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength*

God is our refuge and our strength, our ever-present aid,  
and therefore, though the earth be moved, we will not be afraid;

Though hills amid the seas be cast, though foaming waters roar,  
yea, though the mighty billows shake the mountains on the shore.

Where God abides a river flows; that city will rejoice.  
But nations fear and kingdoms shake before God's thundering voice.

Since God is in the midst of it, the city walls shall stand,  
secure and safe with God's sure help, when trouble is at hand.

Sermon – Psalm 46: Be Still and Know

\*Hymn #623

*I've Got Peace Like a River*

I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river, in my soul.  
I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river, in my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain; I've got joy like a fountain; I've got joy like a fountain, in my soul.  
I've got joy like a fountain; I've got joy like a fountain; I've got joy like a fountain, in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean; I've got love like an ocean; I've got love like an ocean, in my soul.  
I've got love like an ocean; I've got love like an ocean; I've got love like an ocean, in my soul.

## 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](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; Nancy Miles; Kathy McCord; Annette Hutto - 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 today have been given to the glory of God by Catherine, Allison, and Karen Jones in appreciation for all the love and support they have received from their Northminster family over the past 6 months.

## **Hymn Sing and Ice Cream**

Join us this evening 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.

## **Congregational Meeting**

We will hold a congregational meeting Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup> immediately following the worship service to elect our nominating committee for 2024 elder selection.

## **Youth Activities**

The youth will meet each Sunday from tonight, 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).

## **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.

## **Lake Day for Children and Youth – July 22**

All families with children and teens are invited to lake day at the home of Allen and Barbara Fatkin Saturday, July 22. Come out for a fun summer day on the water with your church family! Families are asked to bring a snack or drinks to share. Please contact Donna Shuford with questions about the events of the day or Jennifer for address information.

## **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Lunch**

Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, immediately after the service, we invite you to join us in the fellowship hall for lunch. Our neighborhood committee will be providing fried chicken and asks all attendees to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

## **Rosa Taylor Prayer Walk**

After the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday lunch, at 1:30pm, all who are interested are invited to join the neighborhood committee at Rosa Taylor Elementary school to pray for a positive and safe start to the new school year for students, teacher, and staff.

### **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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