



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

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

July 2, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Pentecost

10:30am

GATHERING

Chimes

Call to Worship – Luke 13:29; 24:30-31

Friends, today is the joyful feast of the people of God!

**People will come from east and west,
from north and south,
and sit at table in the kingdom of God.**

When our risen Lord was at table with his disciples,
he took the bread, and blessed and broke it,
and gave it to them.

Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him!

This is the Lord's table.

Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast that he has prepared.

Let us worship God together!

Prelude

Opening Prayer

*Hymn #645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled:
to God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power has made God's gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning glow or evening shade God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of God's might, lo! all is just and all is right:
to God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away, but, through all grief distressing,
an ever-present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing,
as with a mother's tender hand God gently leads the chosen band:
to God all praise and glory!

Thus all my toilsome way along I sing aloud thy praises,
that all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearies raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and body, take your part:
to God all praise and glory!

CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Silent Prayers of Confession

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 — Presbyterian Study Catechism

Question 78. What does it mean to share in the Lord's Supper?

When we celebrate the Lord's Supper, the Lord Jesus Christ is truly present, pouring out his Spirit upon us. By his Spirit, the bread that we break and the cup that we bless share in our Lord's own body and blood. Through them he once offered our life to God; through them he now offers his life to us. As I receive the bread and the cup, remembering that Christ died even for me, I feed on him in my heart by faith with thanksgiving, and enter his risen life, so that his life becomes mine, and my life becomes his, to all eternity.

*Passing the Peace

Announcements and Invitations

Moment for Mission: Blessing Bags – Emma Brown's Young Adult Ministry Internship

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: Though the Mountains Shake

SHARING

*Hymn #525

Let Us Break Bread Together

Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees)
let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees)
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees)
let us drink wine together on our knees. (on our knees)
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees)
let us praise God together on our knees. (on our knees)
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise...

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, Hallowed by Thy name, Thy Kingdome Come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

All who desire the communion meal are invited to come forward to the table, receive a portion of bread from the pastor, take a cup from one of the elders, and return to the pew. We will share in the cup together once everyone has been served.

Music during communion

Closing Unison Prayer

**God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life.
May this food strengthen us in love
and help us to serve you in each other.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Lord. Amen.**

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; 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

Congregational Meeting

We will hold a congregational meeting Sunday, July 16th 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 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.

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.

5th Sunday Lunch

Sunday, July 30th, 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 5th 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.

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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