



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

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

July 23, 2023

Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

10:30am

GATHERING

Chimes

Welcome

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship – adapted from Psalm 46

Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord, O my soul!
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

**The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.
The Lord watches over the strangers;
the Lord upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked God brings to ruin.**

Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord, O our souls!
We will praise the Lord as long as we live;
we will sing praises to our God all our life long.

*Hymn #634

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory; great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory: great things he has done!

Great things he has taught us; great things he has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory: great things he has done!

CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

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

**But we have not always loved you as well as we could.
You 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 #634

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Scripture – Philippians 4:1-7

Affirmation of Faith – Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and
blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with**

outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

*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 — 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Hymn #39 (remain seated)

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not. As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

[*refrain*] Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [*refrain*]

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow: blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [*refrain*]

Scripture — John 2:1-11

Sermon — “But you have kept the good wine until now.”

*Hymn #65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.

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; 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); James Watwood

Sanctuary Flowers

If you would like to provide flowers for a Sunday worship service, simply check the board in the Narthex in the rear of the sanctuary and sign up for the date you'd like. Arrangements are \$65 each; payments are made to Northminster.

Christmas in July

This July, we are holding 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.

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.

Sunday Morning Coffee Hour

Beginning Sunday, August 6, we will hold a drop-in coffee hour before the worship service. Doors open at 9:30am. Grab a friend and a cup of coffee and enjoy this casual hour of fellowship.

Women's Fall Bible Study

This fall, Pastor Ralph will lead a 7-week Bible Study: Seven Sisters of Moses. All ladies are invited to attend either at 10:00am or 6pm every Wednesday from September 20 through November 1.

2023 Women's Retreat

Mark your calendars for this year's annual women's retreat: Friday and Saturday, November 3rd and 4th. Details are forthcoming.

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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