



# NORTHMINSTER

## *Presbyterian Church*

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

July 9, 2023

Sixth Sunday of Pentecost

10:30am

### GATHERING

Chimes

Welcome

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship – based on Psalm 23

The Eternal is our shepherd, caring for us always.

**God provides rest in rich, green fields,  
beside streams of refreshing water.**

**God soothes our fears.**

The Eternal makes us whole again,

**steering us off worn, hard paths  
to roads where truth and righteousness echo God's name.**

Even in the unending shadows of death's darkness,

**we are not overcome by fear.**

Because You are with us in those dark moments,

**near with Your protection and guidance.**

**We are comforted.**

You spread out a table before us,

**provisions in the midst of attack from all enemies.**

You care for all our needs, anointing our heads with soothing, fragrant oil,

**filling our cups again and again with Your grace.**

Certainly Your faithful protection and loving provision will pursue us  
wherever we go, always, everywhere.

**We will always be with the Eternal,  
in Your house forever.**

\*Hymn #625

*O Lord My God*

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed:  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!  
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When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!  
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And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin:  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!  
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When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!  
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**CONFESSING**

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

**O Lord, we are like sheep,  
how often we get lost from the Way.  
We forget the needs of our neighbors  
and do not love you above all else.  
We need a Savior, and so we long for Jesus.  
Come, fill our lives again with your saving Spirit.  
Hear our prayers ...**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Scripture – John 10:14-18

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.

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: There is a River

\*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.  
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### 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 Pat McCall "in honor of Ada McCall, a beautiful person inside and out who loved God and her family. I am blessed and highly favored to have had this woman as my mother. Thanks be to God."

### **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](mailto: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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