



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

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

September 3, 2023

Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost

10:30am

GATHERING

Chimes

Welcome

Prelude

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

Friends, before us 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 give it to them.

Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.

This is the Lord's table. He alone is host.

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

Let us prepare our hearts for this holy meal.

*Hymn #35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!

Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!

Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for aye we adore him.

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 – from the Presbyterian Declaration of Faith

In his history with his people in the world,
God has often made material things
channels through which his grace is understood
and powerfully experienced.
Out of the life and ministry of Jesus,
the Church received baptism and the Lord's supper
as special sacraments of God's saving action.

**We believe that at the Lord's supper
the community of believers is renewed
by the memory of Christ's life and death,
by his real presence in the power of the Holy Spirit,
and by the promise of his coming again.
Christ makes himself known to us in the breaking of bread.
He offers us his body broken for our sake
and his blood shed for the forgiveness of our sins.
We accept his promises and gifts
and depend on his life to sustain ours.
In turn we offer ourselves in thanksgiving
to the risen Lord who has conquered death.
So we celebrate his victory here and now
and anticipate the joyous feast in his coming kingdom.
Reunited around one loaf and cup,
we receive strength and courage
to continue our pilgrimage with God in the world.**

*Passing the Peace

Announcements and Invitations

Gathering our Offerings

Offertory Music

He's Got the Whole World In His Hands
Cameron Rolling, bass-baritone

*Response – Doxology #606

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God for all that love has done, Creator, Christ, and Spirit one! Alleluia! O Praise God! Alleluia!

LISTENING

*Prayers of Thanksgiving and for Illumination

Scriptures – Luke 9:12-17 and Genesis 32:22-32

Sermon – The blessings of a broken hip...

FEASTING

*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 for all God's people

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; Jane Prentice; 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

Flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Pat McCall as prayer for those displaced or harmed by the fires in Hawaii and hurricane Idalia.

Sunday Morning Coffee Hour

We have begun holding 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

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. See your insert for details.

2023 Women's Retreat

Who is this God we worship, whom we have called Maker, Redeemer, Friend, Lover, Rock, Light, Life—and Father, Son, Spirit? What images of God do we carry, and how have those been shaped by art, stories, and song? How do these images help us—and how might they hinder us—in our relationship to the God who is beyond all our imagining? In this retreat we will explore images of God, old and new, as we seek deeper living relationship to the Holy Three in One.

All this and three meals for a mere \$25.00. Please plan on joining us and bring a daughter, mother, grandmother, sister or friend. You may register by calling Jennifer at 478-318-7911, by email at admin@northminstermacon.org, or by signing up on your blue response sheet. Payments can be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church. If paying by check, please write "Women's Retreat" in the memo line.

Fellowship Committee

We are getting our Fellowship Committee back up and running as an arm of Adult Discipleship. Discipleship comes easier when you've fellowshiped together. BUT, we need your help with this venture. If you're interested in being a part of the Fellowship Committee, please fill out the blue sheet in the bulletin or contact Nita McCord at 478-957-1947.

Planning for the Future

Do you have young children, grandchildren or friends that would love to be a part of Sunday School here at Northminster? We are making plans for this and are hoping that there will be lots of interest from the congregation. Of course, we will need teachers, and that's where you come in. If you would be willing to help teach, please contact Donna Shuford(478-718-6442) or Nita McCord (478-957-1947).

Rise Against Hunger

You are invited to join our sister Flint River Presbytery churches for our annual Rise Against Hunger packing event. Sunday, October 1st at 2pm, we will be helping to pack bags of nutrient dense dry foods to be shipped to areas of great need around the world. This year's event will be held at St. Andrews Presbyterian.

UKirk Annual Dinner Fundraiser

The UKirk Campus ministry's annual fundraising dinner will be held here at Northminster October 27th at 6^{PM}. Tickets are \$30 and are available through Jeff Denny, Sam McDuffie, or Kim Emener.

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

Jennifer Cell: 478-318-7911

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