



# NORTHMINSTER

*Presbyterian Church*



November 5, 2023

All-Saints' Sunday

10:30am

## GATHERING

Chimes

Welcome

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship – based on Luke 22:19-20

Once again we come to the table of our Lord Jesus,  
and we remember:

**On the night of his arrest,  
and also again, after the resurrection,  
he took bread, and after giving thanks to God,  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples.**

He says: Take, eat.  
This is my body, given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.  
And we remember:

**In the same way he took the cup, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,  
shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.**

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim the saving death of our risen Lord,  
until he comes again.

**With thanksgiving, let us offer God our grateful praise!**

\*Hymn #317

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,  
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;  
his service is the golden cord close-binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be.  
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north.  
All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

## 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 – 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 of our offerings

Offertory Music

*With Wings as Eagles*

arr. Harlan

\*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!

## SHARING

Welcome of New Active Members

\*Hymn #306

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers.  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes; our mutual burdens bear.  
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain;  
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;  
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

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

**LISTENING**

\*Prayers of Thanksgiving and for Illumination

Scripture – Matthew 5:38-48

Sermon – Brief responses to human warfare

\*Hymn #769

*For Everyone Born*

For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread,  
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead,

[Refrain] and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace:  
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding the share,  
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power, for woman and man, a system that's fair, (Refrain)

For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong, (Refrain)

For just and unjust, a place at the table, abuser, abused, with need to forgive,  
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy, for just and unjust, a new way to live, (Refrain)

For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be,  
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free, (Refrain)

## 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; Jane Prentice; Ann Hall; Jane Ebey; Kathy Wheeler; Frank & Evelyn Clark; Nancy Miles; Annette Hutto - Current Friends and Family Concerns: Margaret Yawn; Donna Carole Kitchens; Joel Jones; Nelda Crow; Sara Walcott; Laurie King (Diboll); John & Louise Sallstrom - Military Personnel Prayer List: Austin Riley; Joshua Sulkers; Isaac Falkenstine (Bonnie Diboll's grandson); James Watwood

### Sunday Morning Coffee Hour

Grab a friend and join us Sunday mornings for a cup of coffee and casual fellowship. Doors open at 9:30am.

### 2024 Sunday School and Kick-off Dinner

Sunday School, Sunday Study, Learning Lab – No matter what you call it, Sunday morning at 9:00 is a wonderful time to meet with old friends or make new friends, have a cup of coffee and a bite to eat, and maybe even learn a little bit as we share our faith with one another. The meal we are planning for Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> is to talk about what you, as a part of this congregation, want to see in the form of Christian education for the coming year. Even if you don't want to participate in any Sunday morning studies, please come and help us decide what is best for this congregation. We need everyone's input.

Please join us for a wonderful FREE meal of pork loin, sweet potatoes, green beans, salad, and Lynn Davis' cake at 6:00pm on Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. If you need a ride, please contact Jennifer in the church office and she will arrange for someone to pick you up. Reservations are encouraged and the blue sign-up sheet is in the bulletin.

### **Sunday School – A Clear View of the Birth of Jesus**

Every Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> through December 17<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Ralph will lead a Sunday School discussion based on brief video lectures by Dr. Kenneth Bailey, a Presbyterian scholar and seminary professor in the Middle East for 40 years. Join us at 9<sup>AM</sup> in the fellowship hall; a light breakfast will be provided.

### **Youth Calendar**

Today, November 5<sup>th</sup> after church: Pizza and Ornament-making! All school-aged children and parents are invited to this activity.

Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 4<sup>PM</sup>: Hot dogs and s'mores at the home of Allen & Barbara Fatkin, we'll pack Thanksgiving Dinners for the 8 homeless students at Rosa Taylor.

Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> after church: We'll put up the tree in the sanctuary. Lunch will be provided.

### **Scares & Snacks – Sisters of Northminster Brunch**

Extending the time of fellowship together after the Fall Women's Bible Study, member Chloe Napier invites all ladies of Northminster to brunch at her home (128 Lake Point Drive, Macon) Saturday, November 11, 10<sup>AM</sup> – Noon.

### **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, Tuesday-Thursday 9:00-3:00

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