



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

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

February 4, 2023

5th Sunday after Epiphany

10:30am

GATHERING

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship – based on Philippians 2:5-11

As we come to the Table again, we remember the apostle's teaching:

This is how you should think among yourselves—

with the mind that we have because we belong to the Messiah, Jesus:

Who, though in God's form, did not regard that equality with God as something he ought to exploit.

Instead, he emptied himself, and received the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of humans.

And then, having human appearance, he humbled himself, and became obedient even to death,

yes, even the death of the cross.

And so God has greatly exalted him, and to him in his favor has given the name which is over all names:

Now at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus, Messiah, is Lord, to the glory of God, the father.

*Hymn #366

Love Divine All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest.

Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

*Passing the Peace

LISTENING

Scripture – Mark 10:13-16

Sermon – Welcome: A brief sketch of children's discipleship

Hymn #188 (remain seated)

Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me."
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Gathering of our Offerings

Offertory Music

*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!

CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

**Holy Spirit,
like Jesus gathering up the children
brought to him for his blessing,**

**so too you have gathered us in
to God's kingdom and God's kin.**

**Forgive us
for ever rebelling against that love
for choosing our own tribes and clans
for seeking life in all the wrong gatherings.**

**Wash us free from all wrongs.
Feed us again at your meal.
Direct us again in way of Jesus.**

Hear our prayers ...

Assurance of Forgiveness

Remembering our Baptisms

Response to Forgiveness #627

I Love You, Lord

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you; O my soul, rejoice.
Take joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear. [repeat]

SHARING

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

*Hymn #821

My Life Flows On

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

Refrain:

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? (Refrain)

What though my joys and comforts die? I know my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth. (Refrain)
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? (Refrain)

*Charge and Benediction

*Sung Response

May the road rise to meet you, may the wind blow at your back. May the sun shine warmly on your face, may the rain fall softly on your fields. And until we meet again, until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand. Amen

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; Frank & Evelyn Clark; Nancy Miles; Annette Hutto - Current Friends and Family Concerns: Margaret Yawn; Donna Carole Kitchens; Joel Jones; Nelda Crow; John & Louise Sallstrom - Military Personnel Prayer List: Austin Riley; Joshua Sulkers; Isaac Falkenstine (Bonnie Diboll's grandson); Nicholas Sanchez (Kathy McCord's godson); James Watwood

Chili Cookoff and Bake Sale – Today

Join us in the fellowship hall after worship for the greatest competition of the year! Hosted by our youth, we will enjoy various chili and Brunswick stew and bid on your favorite desserts as we fundraise to help our youth attend the annual Montreat Youth Conference this summer.

Committee Meetings – February 11

Each of our 10 church committees will be gathering Sunday, February 11th after worship for their first of five meetings this year. Location of each meeting within the church building is to be determined. If you would like to join one of the following committees, or simply sit in on a meeting to see what it's all about, please contact the corresponding Elder:

- Adult Discipleship & Fellowship – Nita McCord – macontime1@gmail.com – 478-957-1947
- Children & Youth Discipleship – Donna Shuford – dwshuford@yahoo.com – 478-718-6442
- Congregational Care – Gail Walker – ngswalker@cox.net – 478-361-5324
- Finance – Minor Vernon – doctorv123@aol.com – 478-256-5716

- Membership Engagement – Barbara Fatkin – Barbara.fatkin@gmail.com – 478-396-7100
- Neighborhood – Amanda Smith – Amanda.smith@mountdesales.net – 478-731-2030
- Outreach & Mission – Kari Alderman – kari.alderman@mountdesales.net – 478-714-0446
- Personnel – Michael Napier – mnapier@truckingexpert.com – 478-390-0645
- Property – Mark Brown – evtbrown@hotmail.com – 478-390-7388
- Worship – Jeff Denny – jkdenny@gmail.com – 478-718-3664

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – February 13

It's almost that time again! Lent begins on Wednesday, February 14 with Ash Wednesday, and we'll join together for the traditional Shrove Tuesday pancake supper on Tuesday February 13 at 6:00 PM. It's also known as Fat Tuesday so there'll be lots more than just pancakes - eggs, grits, bacon, sausage and fruit. Sounds good, doesn't it. Elder Jeff Denny will lead us in a short devotional. Sign up on the blue sheet included in your bulletin. Cost is \$7.00 per person with a \$20 limit per family.

Lenten Bible Study – Beginning February 21

Join us for a 7-week Lenten series featuring videos from the late Dr. Kenneth Bailey on Jesus' instructions for prayer (Matthew 6) and Paul's love language (1 Corinthians 13). Women can meet Wednesday mornings at 10am in the community room with discussion led by Jeanne Roddenberry and all are invited to attend Wednesday evenings at 7pm via Zoom with discussion led by Ralph Hawkins.

Choir – Wednesdays at 7PM

We are so thankful for our wonderful choir, under the direction of music minister Gunner Chancey, who fill our sanctuary with prayerful praise through song every Sunday. We'd love to see YOU join them in the loft. Choir practices are held each Wednesday at 7PM in the choir room downstairs (entrance at the back of the building near the playground) and warm-up at 10AM Sunday morning before worship.

Sunday Study at 9AM

Join us for Sunday Study at 9AM in the fellowship hall. This study is open to all ages, though childcare is provided for our youngest attendees. A light continental breakfast is included.

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; Mark Brown; Jeff Denny; Barbara Fatkin; Nita McCord; Michael Napier; Donna Shuford; Amanda Smith; Minor Vernon; Gail Walker

RALPH HAWKINS, Pastor and Teaching Elder PAUL EVANS, Parish Associate GUNNER CHANCEY, Director of Music
KAREN JONES, Clerk of Session JENNIFER WHITEHEAD, Ministry Assistant

Office hours this week: 9:00-3:00 Tuesday-Thursday; 7:00-1:00 Sunday

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