



# NORTHMINSTER

## *Presbyterian Church*

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

February 11, 2023

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

10:30am

### GATHERING

Chimes

Welcome

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship – based on Psalm 103

O my soul, come, praise the Eternal!

**With all that is in me—body, emotions, mind, and will—every part of who I am—  
praise God's holy name.**

O my soul, come, praise the Eternal; sing a song from a grateful heart;

**sing and never forget all the good God has done.**

Despite all my many offenses, God forgives and releases me.

**God reaches deep into the pit to deliver me from death.**

God crowns you with unfailing love and compassion, like queens and kings.

When your soul is famished and withering,

**God fills me with good and beautiful things, satisfying me as long as I live.**

God makes you strong like an eagle,

**restoring our youth.**

\*Hymn #667

*When Morning Guilds the Skies*

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this the eternal song through all the ages long: may Jesus Christ be praised!

## CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

**Merciful God, savior from the pit,  
lender of such strength, worthy of our praise,**

**We do praise you this day with all that is in us —  
body, emotions, mind, will —  
even as we also confess our many sins.**

**Forgive us for a past we cannot undo  
for boredom and distraction in the present  
for fear and loathing about the future.**

**Set us free from all of this.  
Set us free to love you and all.**

**Hear our prayers ...**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Remembering our Baptisms

Scripture – Psalm 103

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]

Affirmation of Faith – from the Presbyterian Declaration of Faith

**Jesus was what we are.  
He grew up in a family and a society  
troubled by the common problems of the world.  
His knowledge was shaped by his time and place in history.  
He felt deeply the joy of friendship  
and the hurt of being rejected.  
Jesus prayed, struggled with temptation, knew anger,  
and was subject to suffering and death.  
He was like us in every way except sin.  
Jesus was what we should be.  
He served his Father with complete trust  
and unwavering obedience.  
He loved all kinds of people and accepted their love.  
In constant dependence upon the Holy Spirit,  
Jesus allowed no temptation or threat  
to keep him from loving God with his whole being  
and his neighbor as himself.  
We recognize in Jesus what God created us to be.  
He exposes our failure to live as he lived.  
He demonstrates the new humanity  
God promises to give us through him.**

\*Passing the Peace

Announcements and Invitations

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!

Prayers of Intercession, 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.**

### LISTENING

Scripture – Mark 10:13-16

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.

Sermon – Childlike: Staying receptive to the reality of God

### DEPARTING

\*Hymn #722

*Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*

Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone.  
As you have sought, so let me seek your erring children lost and lone.  
O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wandering and the wavering feet.  
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed your hungering ones with manna sweet.  
O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious truths which you impart.  
And wing my words that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.  
O fill me with your fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow  
in kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.  
O use me, Lord, use even me, just as you will, and when, and where  
until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.

\*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](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; 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

### Committee Meetings – Today

Each of our 10 church committees will be gathering Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> after worship for their first of five meetings this year. Congregational Care will meet in the Library. All other committees will meet in the fellowship hall.

### 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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