



March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday

10:30AM

CELEBRATION

Chimes

Lighting the Christ Candle

Gospel Reading – Mark 16:1-8

*Processional Hymn

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
All creation, join to say Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died for our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like, Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave the skies, Alleluia!

Call to Worship

This is the good news—
the grave is empty;
Christ is risen.

Hallelujah! Amen.

This is the good news—
the light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness can never put it out.

Hallelujah! Amen.

This is the good news—
once we were no people;
now we are God's people.

Hallelujah! Amen.

Christ is our peace,
the indestructible peace
we now share with each other.

Hallelujah! Amen.

Opening Prayer

Hymn #239 (remain seated)

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

O God our Father,
you gave your only Son,
and therefore your very Self,
to suffer death on the cross for our redemption,
and by his glorious and surprising resurrection
you delivered us from the power of death.

**Grant us the grace
to die daily to all sin,
that we may evermore live with him
in the joy of his remarkable resurrection,
and grant us the grace to bless others
with your glorious and surprising love.
Through Jesus our Christ and our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Hear our prayers ...**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Solo

Arise, My Soul, Arise
Andreahna Rosenquist, soprano

arr. Forrest

Affirmation of Faith – from the Presbyterian 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.

Response to Forgiveness #553

Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. (*repeat*)

THANKSGIVING

Greeting

Remembering our Baptisms and Giving Thanks for Blessings

*Passing the Peace

Gathering of our Offerings

Offertory Music

Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

arr. Forrest

*Response — Doxology #606

Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God for all that love has done Creator, Christ, and Spirit one. Amen

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.

PROCLAMATION

Scripture – 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

*Hymn #260 (remain seated)

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Scripture – Luke 23:51-24:11

Sermon – Things that go bump in the night

*Hymn #248

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

*Charge – from the Presbyterian Confession of 1967

With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

"Now to God, who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."
(Ephesians 3:20-21)

*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; 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; Dawson Everett (Gwen Kitchens' great-nephew)

Children's Sunday School

All children (5th grade and under) are invited to attend Sunday School at 9:30^{AM}. We'll have a lesson with a craft and a morning snack. All children will join their parents for the worship service at 10:30.

PCUSA Special Offerings – One Great Hour of Sharing

Millions of people lack asset to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing-Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self Development of People-all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development. Their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. This offering is being collected today.

Lenten Bible Study – Wednesdays through April 3

We have one more week in our 7-week Lenten series featuring videos from the late Dr. Kenneth Bailey on Jesus' instructions for prayer. Women can meet Wednesday mornings at 10am in the community room and all are invited to attend Wednesday evenings at 7pm via Zoom.

Sunday Study at 9^{AM}

Join us for Sunday Study at 9^{AM} in the fellowship hall. The next 6-week study, "Do Pharaohs Still Exist," will begin Sunday, April 7th, led by Janell Johnson. A light continental breakfast is provided.

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; Jennifer Cell: 478-318-7911