



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

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

April 7, 2024

Second Sunday of Easter

10:30am

GATHERING

Chimes

Welcome

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship – based on I John 1

We gather to hear about the One who was from the beginning.

**We remember those who saw him with their own eyes,
heard Him with their own ears,
and touched Him with their own hands.**

This One is the manifestation of the life-giving Voice,

and He showed us real life, eternal life.

We are inviting one another to experience eternal life
through the One who was with the Father and came down to us.

What we saw and heard from others we remember today.

This fellowship is united by our connection with the Father and the Son Jesus, the Anointed One,
and we worship together because retelling his story fulfills our joy.

*Hymn #248

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!

Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.

In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.

Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.

Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.

Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.

Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!

CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

**Living God,
for whom no door is closed,
no heart is locked,
draw us beyond our doubts,
till we see your Christ
and touch his wounds
where they bleed in others and in us.
This we ask through Christ our Savior,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Hear our prayers...**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Remembering our Baptisms

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*)

*Passing the Peace

Announcements and Invitations

Gathering of our Offerings

Offertory Music

*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.

LISTENING

Scripture – Acts 4:32-35

Hymn #254 (remain seated) *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

That Easter day with joy was bright; the sun shone out with fairer light
when, to their longing eyes restored, the apostles saw their risen Lord.

He bade them see his hands, his side, where yet the glorious wounds abide,
the tokens true which made it plain their Lord indeed was risen again.

From every weapon death can wield, your own redeemed forever shield;
O Lord of all, with us abide in this our joyful Eastertide.

Scripture – John 20:19-31

Sermon – One Heart and Soul

Dena Hobbs

DEPARTING

*Hymn #260

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone!
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood."

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us; faith believes nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise: "I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of angels, here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, hear our plea
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary, earth your footstool, heaven your throne.
As within the veil you entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest;
here on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.

*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 guest preacher, Dena Hobbs

Dena Douglas Hobbs is the Episcopal and Lutheran campus minister for Macon area. She is the co-author of *When Anxiety Strikes* with her husband Jason. She lives in Bonaire with her family.

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)

Youth Meet-up – April 14

All Middle and High Schoolers are invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall Sunday, April 14th, from 4PM-6PM.

Committee Meetings – April 14

Each of our 10 church committees will be gathering Sunday, April 14th after worship for their second 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. Contact the church office for their email or phone number.

- Adult Discipleship & Fellowship – Nita McCord
- Children & Youth Discipleship – Donna Shuford
- Congregational Care – Gail Walker
- Finance – Minor Vernon
- Membership Engagement – Barbara Fatkin
- Neighborhood – Amanda Smith
- Outreach & Mission – Kari Alderman
- Personnel – Michael Napier
- Property – Mark Brown
- Worship – Jeff Denny

Church-Wide BINGO! – April 28

You're invited to join us in the fellowship hall right after worship Sunday, April 28th, for food and fun! Chicken will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. This annual activity helps raise funds for our youth to attend Montreat in the summer.

Children's Sunday School

All children are invited to attend Sunday School at 9:30AM. 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. Our children's ministry has had a wonderful response for donations – thank you! We could still use some stickers and juice boxes. Please bring any of your donated items to church any Sunday morning.

Sunday Study at 9AM

Join us for Sunday Study at 9AM in the fellowship hall. The next 6-week study led by Janell Johnson, "Do Pharaohs Still Exist," will continue through May 12th. 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

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