



# NORTHMINSTER

## *Presbyterian Church*

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

April 14, 2024

Third Sunday of Easter

10:30am

Chimes

Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship – based on Revelation 4:6-8

[refrain]

**Holy, holy, holy**

**Is the Lord God who is the All Powerful,  
who was, and who is, and who is coming.**

We gather in spiritual communion with all the saints, who from their labors rest ...  
We gather with the celestial choirs, who forever sing to the glory of God's name ...  
We gather with fellow Christians around the world, who sing in the unity of Jesus ...  
We worship God together here in the place; in faith, hope, and love ...

Opening Prayer

\*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.

## Book

Scripture – John 13:21-35

Sermon in Words – Love One Another

Sermon in Song

*By Our Love*

arr. McDonald

\*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; Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise God, for all that love has done, Creator, Christ, and Spirit one! Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Alleluia, O Praise God, Alleluia!

Hymn #250 (remain seated)

*In the Bulb There Is a Flower*

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

## Bath

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

**Merciful God, in Christ you make all things new.  
Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever.**

**Hear our prayers ...**

Assurance of Forgiveness

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*)

Remembering our Baptisms

## Meal

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.**

\*Hymn #300

*We Are One in the Spirit*

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;  
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,  
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;  
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,  
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other; we will work side by side;  
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,  
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,  
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

\*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; Evelyn Clark; Nancy Miles; Annette Hutto - Current Friends and Family Concerns: Margaret Yawn; Donna Carole Kitchens; Joel Jones; Nelda Crow - 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)

### Sanctuary Flowers

Today's flowers are given to the grace of God by Pat McCall in honor of Jennifer Whitehead. "We always remember those who have left us. let's also celebrate with appreciation those who are living and adding so much to our lives and the life of the church. Thank you and Amen!"

### Youth Meet-up – Today

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

### Committee Meetings – Today

Each of our 10 church committees will be gathering Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> 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

### **Stated Session Meeting – April 15**

Our monthly stated session meeting will be held Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 6<sup>PM</sup>.

### **Church-Wide BINGO! – April 28**

You're invited to join us in the fellowship hall right after worship Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 9:30<sup>AM</sup>. 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.

### **Sunday Study at 9<sup>AM</sup>**

Join us for Sunday Study at 9<sup>AM</sup> in the fellowship hall. The next 6-week study led by Janell Johnson, "Do Pharaohs Still Exist," will continue through May 19<sup>th</sup>. A light continental breakfast is provided.

### **Visit from the Haugens – May 5**

Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, we are excited to welcome our supported missionaries, George and Jeanne Haugen! During our regular 9:00 Sunday School hour, you're invited to see a presentation from George updating us on their mission work in the Middle East. (Our regular Sunday School lessons will resume May 12<sup>th</sup>.) They will be joining us in worship as well. It's a Sunday you don't want to miss.

### **Youth Montreat Carwash – May 11**

Be sure to swing by the church Saturday, May 11 between 1<sup>PM</sup>-3<sup>PM</sup> to get your car washed by the Northminster youth! This annual fundraiser will be the final one, helping with all Montreat Youth Conference expenses in June.

### **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