



# NORTHMINSTER

## *Presbyterian Church*

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

May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:30am

### **GATHERING**

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship — based on Psalm 66

Make a joyful noise to God,  
all the earth; sing the glory of God's name.  
Give to him glorious praise.

**All the earth worships you;  
they sing praises to you,  
sing praises to your name.**

\*Hymn #716

*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,  
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:  
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;  
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:  
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.  
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone.  
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred:  
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.  
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,  
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

## LISTENING

Scriptures – Genesis 3:1-5 and Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon – Well Done

Missionary, George Haugen

Hymn #697 (remain seated)

*Take My Life*

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee, swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King; take my lips and let them be  
filled with messages from thee, filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect and use  
every power as thou shalt choose, every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

\*Passing the Peace

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!

## CONFESSING

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

## SHARING

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 #733

*We All Are One in Mission*

We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

A single, great commission compels us from above to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service to witness in God's name. Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same: to touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace, so every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united and let our song be heard. Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word.

We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

\*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; Jeff, Lynn, Josh and Hannah Denny - 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

Flowers today have been given to the glory of God by Doug & Carol Holt in honor of their grandson, Carter Eddlemon, who just graduated from the Citadel and is already a commissioned Marine who reports to Quantico June 3.

### 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. This 6-week study led by Janell Johnson, "Do Pharaohs Still Exist," will conclude on May 19<sup>th</sup>. A light continental breakfast is provided.

### 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.

### Honoring our graduates – May 12

Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, we will not only give collective thanks to the mothers and motherly women in our congregation, we will also take a moment during the service to honor our high school graduates: Molly Brown, Abby Gleaton, Rachel Putzke, Mary Beth Shuford, and Savannah Whitehead, and our Graduate school graduate: Gunner Chancey.

### Congregational Meeting – June 2

All members are encouraged to attend this quick meeting immediately following the worship service for the purpose of choosing our 2024 nominating committee.

### PCUSA Special Offerings – Pentecost

A foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life. By receiving the Pentecost Offering, you are nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come — children, youth, and young adults. This offering will be collected May 19<sup>th</sup>.

## 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