



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

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

May 19, 2024

Pentecost Sunday

10:30am

GATHERING

Chimes

Scripture – Acts 2:1-12

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship — based on Psalm 104

What a wildly wonderful world, God!

**You made it all, with Wisdom at your side,
made earth overflow with your wonderful creations.**

All your creatures look expectantly to you

to give them their sustenance on time.

You come, and they gather around;

you open your hand and they eat from it.

If you turned your back,
they'd die in a minute—

**Take back your Spirit and they die,
revert to original mud!**

Send out your Spirit and they spring to life—

the whole countryside in bloom and blossom.

The glory of God—let it last forever!

Let God enjoy God's amazing creation!

Oh, let me sing to God all my life long,

sing hymns to our God as long as we live!

Oh, let my song please the living God;

We're so pleased to be singing to God.

On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day,
a band of Christ's disciples, to worship, sing, and pray.
A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air,
and tongues of fire aglowing inspired each person there.

The people all around them were startled and amazed
to understand their language, as Christ the Lord they praised.
What universal message, what great good news was here?
That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.

God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe,
on women, men, and children who would God's grace receive.
That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power.
The church, formed and reforming, responds in every hour.

O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago,
rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow.
O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise,
so folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.

CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

Holy Spirit, Creator,
at the beginning you hovered over the waters;
you breathe life into all creatures.

Restore us, Holy Spirit.

Holy Spirit, Comforter,
by you we are born again as children of God;
you make us living temples of your presence;
you pray within us with prayers too deep for words.

Restore us, Holy Spirit.

Holy Spirit, Lord and giver of life,
you are light, you bring us light;
you are goodness and the source of all goodness.

Restore us, Holy Spirit.

Holy Spirit, breath of life,
you sanctify and breathe life into the whole body of the church;
you dwell in each one of its members,
and you will one day give new life to our mortal bodies.

Restore us, Holy Spirit.

Hear our prayers ...

Assurance of Forgiveness

Scripture – John 20:19-23

Response to Forgiveness #581

Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Affirmation of Faith – Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

*Passing the Peace

Announcements and Invitations

Gathering 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!

LISTENING

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for Illumination

Scripture – Ezekiel 37:1-14

Hymn #286 (remain seated)

Breathe On Me, Breath of God

Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

Scripture – Romans 8:22-27

Sermon – Breath of Hope, Breath of Life

Dena Hobbs

DEPARTING

*Hymn #291

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters; you called to the deep; then you coaxed up the mountains
from the valleys of sleep; and over the eons you called to each thing,
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings."

Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.
You swept through the desert; you stung with the sand;
and you goaded your people with a law and a land.
When they were confounded with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.

Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.
You sang in a stable; you cried from a hill;
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still.
And down in the city, you called once again
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.

Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.
You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes;
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams.
Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise.

Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

*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; 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 Donna Shuford in celebration of Mary Beth's high school graduation and future endeavors.

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 is being collected today.

Children's Sunday School

All children 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.

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.

Hymn Sing and Ice Cream – June 2

Join us Sunday, June 2, at 6pm for an evening of fun and worship through hymns and fellowship with ice cream and refreshments! Please see your blue response sheet to let us know if you plan to attend and if you can help with ice cream.

Fellowship Opportunities

Taking in a Macon Bacon Baseball game, enjoying a day trip to Koinonia Farm near Americus, and resuming annual Thanksgiving meals are just a few of the ideas our fellowship committee is contemplating for our church calendar. Please let us know of your thoughts and suggestions for fun opportunities and fellowship events. You may fill out your blue response sheet or email your suggestions to Jennifer at admin@northminstermacon.org.

Backpack Ministry

Thank you all so much for your donations of plastic grocery bags! We are now well-stocked for packing our weekly backpack donations.

Nursery Coordinator

We are currently looking for a nursery coordinator to ensure our nursery is staffed each Sunday. If you are interested in helping with this or know of someone who would like to fill this as a position, please let Jennifer or Nita McCord know.

“Pack the Van” for Loaves & Fishes Ministry – June 16

Bring your non-perishable food donations with you to church Sunday, June 16 as we “pack the van” for Macon's Loaves and Fishes Ministry.

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